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N.Y. PAYROLL ROBBERY

New York, Oct. 7.—Two armed bandits today held up the cashier of a building materials company and escaped with two payrolls totalling \$45,000, being taken to the United Nations Headquarters building under construction here.

The man took the money after forcing the cashier of the company to drive to the East River and 15th Street, over one mile from the construction site.—United Press.

NEHRU LEAVES FOR U.S.

Bombay, Oct. 7.—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, left by plane for London today on his way to the United States at the invitation of President Truman.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Dismantling Policy

IN his first report as British High Commissioner in Western Germany, General Sir Brian Robertson states that the Germans could be expected to show increasing opposition to the Allied dismantling policy. "The public outcry against the dismantling policy of the three Western Allies," he says, "died down with the conclusion of the election campaign. Activity by the political parties, notably by the Social-Democratic Party, in opposing dismantling has not, however, appreciably decreased, and there are indications that even more determined opposition can be anticipated." In fact, the three-week-old government of Dr. Konrad Adenauer has openly asked the "Allied High Commission to put an immediate end to dismantling. These developments, together with the news this week that 44 American Senators have petitioned the U.S. State Department urging that no more German factories be dismantled, place the question among those of current importance. It will be found on examining the protests, however, that they are mostly based on inaccurate information. It is far from true to say that dismantling has been the cause of serious unemployment in the Western Zones. No less a person than Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator, told the Germans bluntly in a recent speech that dismantling is not the cause of their economic difficulties. It is natural for the Germans to feel some resentment at seeing factories and plant being removed, and therefore their politicians have made

clever use of this excuse to further their propaganda. Another point about dismantling that the Germans apparently are unable to appreciate—and, for that matter, many others outside Germany are ignorant of—is that the decision to proceed to take down a modified list of factories was a joint decision by the British, French and United States Governments, and was not the decision of the British Government alone. We find, for instance, the same group of American Senators complaining that Britain had recently increased dismantling in the British Zone. It is because most of the factories are situated in the British Zone that responsibility for enforcing the three-Power decision falls chiefly on the British authorities. When an order is given by a British official, or when British troops are sent to see that the work is done, they are merely carrying out the policy of the three Western Powers. But German politicians and journalists continue to speak and write as if Britain alone was responsible, and the United States and France had been dragged in unwillingly. It is time that this state of affairs should be corrected. If the British Government and British officials must carry the burden and, at the same time, incur all the odium, it would be better, on this score alone, to stop dismantling. But if, on the other hand, France and the United States want dismantling to continue, they must back up the British Government in carrying out the policy, by word as well as by action, if necessary.

East German Republic Proclaimed

Berlin, Oct. 7.—Under the leadership of German Communists, a Russian satellite republic was proclaimed in East Berlin today.

The German People's Council, hitherto a pro-Soviet public forum without any legal powers, voted unanimously today to become immediately the powerful Lower House of the "German Democratic Republic."

Described by Communists as "the great hour of German history," the formation of the "People's Chamber" of the republic followed seven approving speeches by Communist sympathisers in the Council. No vote was taken against the resolution.

The Council agreed to meet for the first time as the People's Chamber later today.

A President, a Prime Minister and a full Cabinet will be named next week.

No Soviet authorities were visible in the crowded meeting hall of the old Goering Palace, which was the scene of the ceremony.

All speakers lauded Russia's leadership of the peace-loving peoples of the world.

All condemned the Americans as "imperialistic warmongering capitalist exploiters."—Associated Press.

Racing Spreading Wave Of Arrests Engulfs Prague

MORE THAN 1,000 PERSONS REPORTED ARRESTED

Prague, Oct. 7.—A young woman employee of the Associated Press disappeared last night, apparently seized by police in what appears to be a spreading wave of arrests engulfing all Prague.

BLOCKADE RUNNERS RELEASED

Washington, Oct. 7.—The State Department reported today that the Chinese Nationalists have released the two American freighters halted off Shanghai on October 2 while they were trying to run the Nationalist blockade.

A State Department spokesman said the United States was "gratified" with the release of the ships. Information reaching the State Department indicated that the freighters, Flying Independent and Flying Clipper, of the Isbrandtsen Steamship Company, were allowed to leave with their crews and passengers. The cargoes were uncollected.

A third Isbrandtsen steamer halted on October 2, the Flying Trader, earlier escaped Nationalist warships and slipped into Shanghai.

A message from the Flying Independent to the Isbrandtsen office in Shanghai said its departure from Nationalist warships was "cordial" and the freighter was proceeding to Pusan, South Korea, "with official permission." The Flying Clipper said in a message that it was heading for Hongkong.—United Press.

These arrests began on Tuesday night when police, in swoops in nearly all sections of the town, were reliably reported to have rounded up about 1,000 people.

On Wednesday they appeared to have subsided but started up again yesterday.

From fragmentary and unofficial reports it can be estimated that the total arrests now amount to more than 2,000.

No official statement on the reports could be obtained from the Prague police or the Ministry of Interior despite persistent questions.

But the capital is flooded with rumours and reports from people who told of neighbours and business associates being seized in night round-ups. Most of those arrested appeared to be small businessmen or artisans.

SHOOTING ALSO

Owners of shops and cafes were reported by their neighbours to have been seized.

There were also unconfirmed reports that some shooting had accompanied the night arrests.

Other reports claimed that sabotage had caused two big fires this week in Prague. One of these destroyed a big wooden building in which numerous state-owned cars were stored.

The night watchman died in this fire. Forty-eight hours after the fire the Security Police radio reported that he had been shot dead by bandits who then looted the building and set it on fire.

First concrete reports of the Police round-up on Wednesday night said the arrests of businessmen might be explained by possible Government action

to expropriate their businesses for nationalisation.

ROOM SEALED

Other reports said that numerous plainclothesmen had been detailed to watch people in public cars and buses and report their conversation if suspicious.

The young woman employee of the Associated Press, who apparently fell into the dragnet, had Czech citizenship through her father but she was born in Belgrade.

This might have made her suspect if the police were making a drive against Yugoslavs or suspected Yugoslav sympathisers as part of the Communist cold war against that country.

The woman's landlady reported that she had not returned home last evening and that during the night plainclothesmen arrived, searched and then sealed her room.—Associated Press.

EXTENSIVE PURGES

If there was any pattern to the police action it appeared to be aimed mainly at the small businessmen—to drive them out of business or force them into nationalised enterprises. Many of these people had previously complained about such pressure as the withholding of merchant's materials necessary to stay in business.

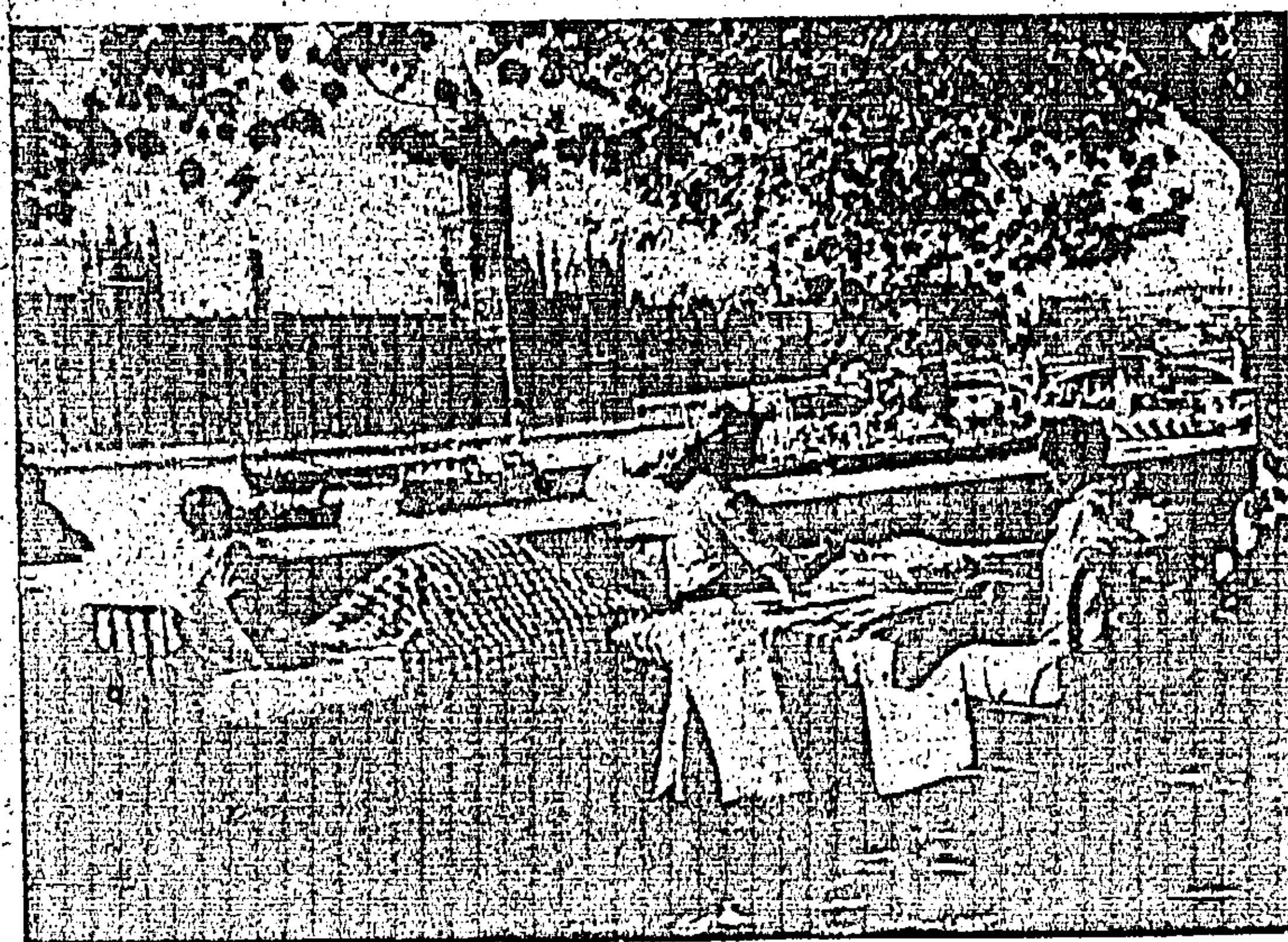
Communist Party members were said to have been among those arrested.

Reliable reports for the past fortnight held of extensive purges of government offices to weed out "political unrelies" and replace them with Communist-trained employees.

The Czech Foreign Ministry alone was reported to have a purge list of 400.

Job-holders who survived from pre-Communist regimes were also reported dismissed and some arrested.—Associated Press.

Thames Police Give Pageant



Soviet Russia May Surpass West's Atomic Knowledge

Toronto, Oct. 7.—A scientist who predicted in 1946 that Russia would have an atomic bomb in three years said today that he now feared that Russia would surpass the West's atomic development.

SOMALILAND RIOTS

British Officer Injured

Lake Success, Oct. 7.—A spokesman for the British delegation to the United Nations said today that reports had been received from Somaliland that a British officer was injured in the disturbances there which resulted in the death of four persons on October 5.

The spokesman told a press conference that five policemen, presumably natives, were among the injured. He said all had been wounded either by knives or stones.

The U.N. Political Committee was first advised of the demonstrations yesterday after the Pakistani delegate, Sir Mohammed Zafullah Khan, had read a letter addressed to the Committee by the Somali Youth League, claiming that the British had banned their organisation. Sir Zafullah asked the British delegate, Mr. L. Clutton, for a report.

Mr. Clutton then revealed that there had been demonstrations at Mogadishu, capital of Somaliland, and the fatalities had resulted. The spokesman said this morning that the demonstrations were similar to those which occurred a year ago in which 40 persons were killed.

He said the British occupation authorities considered it necessary to take immediate steps in the current disorders to ensure against the possibility of further fatalities. He declined to comment as to what political factions were responsible for the trouble.—United Press.

RIOTERS CAOLED

Mogadishu, Oct. 7.—Four Somalis were today sentenced by a British court to terms of from six months to 12 months hard labour on charges of violence in the anti-Italian riots of October 5.

Five other Somalis convicted of organising the riots were sent to compulsory residence under police supervision at Elbur, in the northern province of Somaliland.

The situation is quietening down and the curfew imposed after the riots has been curtailed to the hours of darkness.

On Thursday night police arrested several Somalis alleged to have been involved in the organisation of the riots.—Associated Press.

The 150th anniversary of the Thames Police was celebrated by a water pageant. River thieves of 150 years ago were recreated. Patients of St Thomas's Hospital were brought out on to the terrace of the hospital to watch the show.

PRODUCTION CONFERENCE WAS SECRET

London, Oct. 7.—Leading British industrialists, trade union chiefs and Government export drive specialists met the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, at the Treasury today for a secret production conference.

Though official sources described it as a routine meeting of the National Production Advisory Council, it was regarded as having more than ordinary significance in view of sterling devaluation and the attendant need for stepping up dollar exports.

More overtime in certain industries and greater use of Government's direction of labour powers to staff exporting firms were believed to have been discussed.

Trade union and industrial leaders were known to have been seeking information on matters which they did not consider to have been explained by Government statements made since the devaluation of the pound last month.—Reuter.

MURDERED 13, FOUND INSANE

Camden, New Jersey, Oct. 7.—Howard Unruh, who massacred 13 persons here on September 6, has been found insane and will not stand trial, the Camden County prosecutor, Mitchell Cohen, announced today.

Mr. Cohen said four psychiatrists, who had been examining the 24-year-old killer at New Jersey State Hospital in Trenton for the past month, found Unruh to be a "case of dementia praecox."

The psychiatrists said, in a report to Mr. Cohen, that, after careful consideration of all factors involved, "it is our opinion this man should be committed to the Trenton State Hospital, where custody, supervision and treatment are available, and the people in the community will be protected from injury or danger should there be a recurrence of his homicidal impulse."

CANNOT BE TRIED

Mr. Cohen, who already had obtained 13 murder indictments against Unruh from the Camden County grand jury, said: "Under the laws of this state, an insane person cannot be tried."

In a 20-minute shooting orgy, Unruh, a war veteran, also wounded three other persons, all of whom have since recovered. He was shot by detectives after he had barricaded himself in his apartment.

Mr. Cohen said: "There is no alternative but to have Unruh committed to the State Mental Hospital. I here and now serve notice on Unruh, his family and his sympathisers that, so long as I live, I shall vigorously oppose any attempt by anyone at any time to have this man released into society."—United Press.

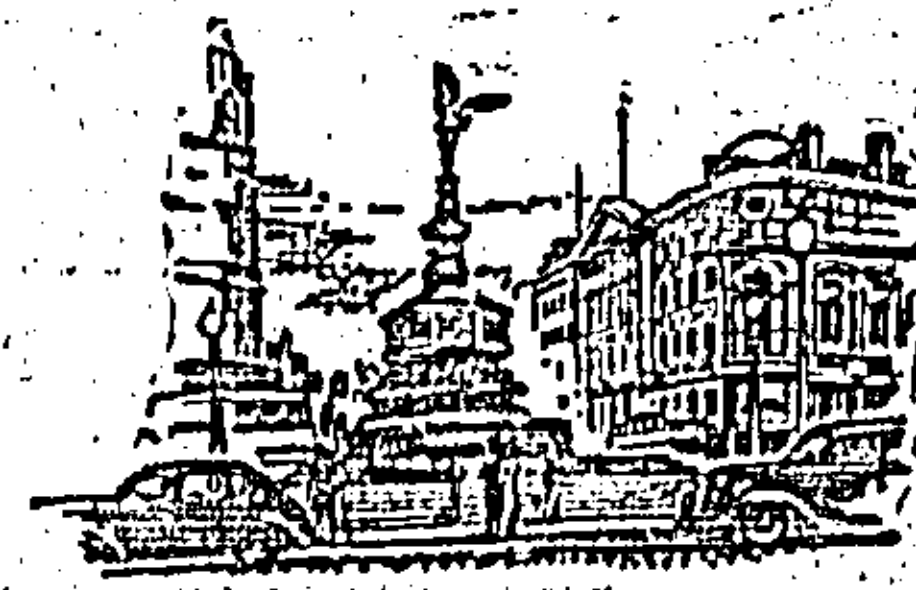
Consultations On China

London, Oct. 7.—Britain has begun consulting its 17 Atlantic Pact and Commonwealth partners on the Chinese Communist Government's request for diplomatic recognition.

A Foreign Office spokesman who announced this today said the move is going on through formal diplomatic channels.

Britain is bound to consult other Commonwealth countries in major issues of foreign policy. Some months ago, it promised to consult the United States, France and other Atlantic Pact countries on relations with the Chinese Communists.

The Cabinet is due to consider the issue next Thursday.—Associated Press.



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News Of Britain's Film Folk

STARS MAY HELP IN BRITAIN'S DOLLAR DRIVE

Margaret Lockwood and Jean Kent may go to the United States on flying visits designed to help Britain's dollar drive.

Strong pleas for both actresses to attend the New York openings of their films, "Madness of the Heart" and "The Gay Lady", respectively, have been received by the Rank Organisation in London.

Mr Earl St John, Two Cities' Executive producer, who has just returned from a mission to America, was pressed with this request when there.

"Incidentally", he added, "when Joan Crawford saw Margaret Lockwood's picture with me in Hollywood she sat back afterwards and said: 'That's the loveliest picture—I wish I'd got the script first!'"

Meanwhile, in New York, the sales drive for British films has been intensified. The new films Mr St John took with him to the United States are having a series of sneak previews in New York.

Undergoing these tests of box office appeal are the Lockwood and Kent pictures, Pat Roc's "The Perfect Woman", now smash-mouth-granger picture "Adam and Eve", "Obsession", "The Children Hundreds", a comedy about a British election, Ealing's "Passport to Pimlico" and "Whisky Galore" (Tight Little Island in the United States).

"Obsession", "The Children Hundreds" and "Passport to Pimlico" may be re-titled for America.

When "Christopher Columbus" opens on Columbus Day, October 12, it will be screened simultaneously at 115 theatres. A coast-to-coast broadcast will be relayed to Italy and Spain.

"Quartet", "The Blue Lagoon" and "Sleeping Car to Trieste" are all playing to capacity American audiences.

Trevor Howard claims that he took up acting as a career because he failed his school examinations, and could think of no other occupation open to him. But now he finds he has to learn Greek after all for his part in "Golden Salamander".

Already, in the course of the film, he has had to speak French

WHISTLER'S DELIGHT



Hollywood wags insist that lovely Virginia Mayo deserves to appear on a postage stamp. They point out that if Whistler's Mother is worth such recognition, then why not Whistler's delight?

and Arabic, and take lessons from Eric Boon, ex-Lightweight Boxing Champion of Great Britain, who coaches him for the film's fight scenes.

'Sisters' For Oliver Twist

Three-year-old Melanie Angela Lindsay McKenzie, daughter of a London insurance agent, was spotted by a talent scout while playing in her garden.

Looking for two 'sisters' for John Howard Davies in "The Rocking Horse Winner", he watched her for a while and then went to talk to her parents.

When Melanie arrived at the studio the authorities at first shook their heads. Then Valerie Hobson, who plays the children's mother, changed their mind. A small incident had convinced her of Melanie's personality.

Valerie had taken her away to a quiet corner of the set. Like most film sets it had only three walls.

"Would you like to play a game here?" Valerie asked.

Melanie regarded her oddly. "No", she said. "Too draughty."

John Howard Davies's other 'sister' is Caroline Steer, daughter of the well-known author and journalist, G. L. Steer, author of "The Tree of Gernika", who was killed in Burma on a secret mission. Caroline, whose mother was an actress, is an outstanding

"HEARTS AFLAME"



Tao Chin and Pai Yang are seen here in a shot from the latest Yung Hwa production, "Hearts Aflame", which opens at the King's Theatre tomorrow.

Pai Yang plays the part of a mature Chinese girl forced to marry a mere child—still a custom in many parts of North China. Tao Chin falls in love with her and tragedy ensues. For the benefit of Europeans in the audience, English slides have been prepared.

Wallflowers Compared To A Movie Queen

Historical researchers have come up with the eye-popping information that the ancient beauties whose charms have been remembered over thousands of years would be wallflowers beside a modern movie queen.

Fatima and Cleopatra and Helen of Troy were alluring. But only about six hours a day. It took them the other 18 hours to create the glory for which they were famous.

Such modern beauties as Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman and Linda Darnell look gorgeous 18 hours a day on schedules that would make a hag of Cleopatra.

"The famous ancient beauties must have been very alluring indeed," Miss Darnell said, "or they wouldn't have been remembered so long. But I wonder how they'd look these times, without 18 hours to spend on themselves?"

Fatima, for instance, kept herself on a careful regime which undoubtedly made her the reigning enchantress of the 7th century but which no present-day woman would endure.

LONG BEAUTY SLEEP

"She was Mohammed's favourite daughter," Miss Darnell added, "and she could get away with it. She used to lie in bed a minimum of 11 hours a day. Then she followed up her long beauty sleep with a relaxing dip in medicated steam baths next to her boudoir."

After that, she put on her costly Oriental raiment and decked herself with priceless jewels from her treasure chest. Another couple of hours combing her hair and she was ready to go out.

(Miss Darnell found out all about this when 20th Century-Fox told her to play Fatima in a musical sequence in the picture "Everybody Does It.") Miss Darnell does Fatima with seven hours' sleep and an hour of makeup.

Cleopatra achieved her immortal charms by spending 16 hours a day to bed resting up for appearances. It's hard to keep Miss Darnell's schedule, Marie Anthony would have gone right back to Rome.—United Press.



WEEK-END SCREEN FARE

When My Baby Smiles At Me (ROXY & BROADWAY) is a 20th Century-Fox Technicolor musical with Betty Grable, Dan Dailey, Jack Oakie, June Havoc, Richard Arlen and James Gleason.

It is another of those Burlesque to Broadway shows, an overworked theme—but it is light and easy on the eyes and ears.

Command Decision (QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA) has an all-male cast that includes Clark Gable, Walter Pidgeon, Van Johnson and Brian Donlevy. It is about intrepid men who have to make decisions about daylight bombing. It is a sing show. If you take the girl friend along, she may begin measuring you up against all these strong men.

Maytime in Mayfair (LEE) is another of these Anna Neagle-Michael Wilding films. This time it is in Technicolor which suits Miss Neagle. By no means indifferent entertainment and grand stuff if you like the team.

Hearts Aflame (KING'S) is Yung Hwa's latest production and if you have yet to see a Chinese film, this is a good one to start on as it is a problem picture with an unusual problem for non-Orientals as its theme. It is about the evils which follow an old Chinese custom—marriages by arrangement where the bride is a mere child. The bride's eyes are attracted elsewhere and all old custom is outraged. The picture was filmed in and around Peking.

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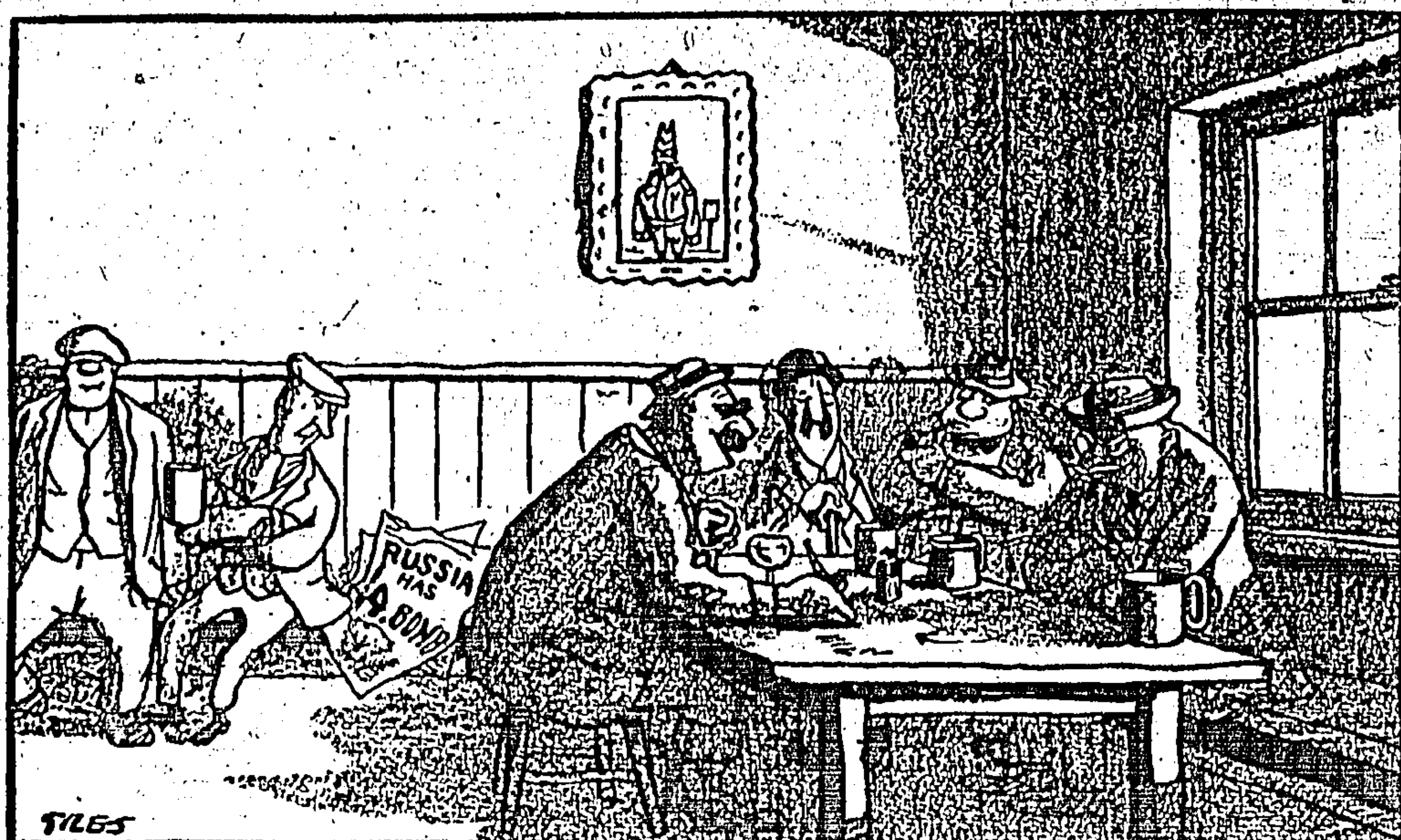
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LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE

THE TWO IMPERIALISMS

By WOODROW WYATT, M.P.

AS an illustration of the difference between Western thought and practice and Russian thought and practice, there is hardly a better field than that of Imperialism. On the face of it some of the Western Powers are Imperialist nations. They control vast areas outside Europe and, even today, there are territories in these areas which do not know what it is to have an election.

In its attack on Imperialism, the Marxist theory inevitably joined Imperialism as one of the co-accused. Instances could be clearly cited of the annexation of a country by a Western Power purely to obtain for the trading elements of that Western Power greater security in the carrying of their commerce. The material assets of the overseas territories of Western Powers have frequently been developed almost entirely by Europeans.

Consequently, Russia was regarded as their champion by many sections of the Colonial peoples. It was from Russia that a lead and inspiration were expected which would assist the Colonial peoples towards freedom from alien rule. But what has happened since 1947? In the British Empire, generally regarded as the most conspicuous example of Empire building, country after country has emerged from subject status to independence, and the process continues. In the Russian Empire country after country has descended from independence to subject status, and the process continues.

Annexations

SINCE 1939, the Soviet Government has annexed in Europe nearly 200,000 square miles, containing nearly 20,000,000 people, without any pretence of an excuse that these were backward peoples incapable of governing themselves. The Soviet Government began its modern Imperialism with a slice taken off Czechoslovakia. It went on with the annexation of a substantial part of Bessarabia, containing 3,000,000 people. Then there were the 8,000,000 people of the Baltic States submerged into the Russian vortex. No country on the Russian borders has been spared some sacrifice, either of its whole identity, or of a substantial part of its territory.

But Russian Imperialism has not confined itself to actual occupation of the country selected as a victim. Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia—the attempt is made to tie them all, whether they wish it or not, to the Soviet way of life. The nature of the new Imperialism is shown clearly by the vociferous reaction to the Yugoslavian endeavour to further the interests of Yugoslavia as well as those of her Imperial master. Movements which once had the appearance, although sponsored in Moscow, of helping the workers of other lines are now exposed as mere instruments of Soviet Imperialism.

In Southeast Asia the Communists have tried to pervert nationalist instincts. They have shouted that they are in the van of all the independence movements. For a short time many were deluded, but now the reality has appeared.

In February 1948, the Communists held a conference at Calcutta. It was sponsored by the Indian Communist Party,

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and to it came delegates from all over Southeast Asia. At that conference it was resolved, irrespective of local conditions, to start an all-out campaign against authority, with the aim of creating chaos and disorder to which Communism would be the heir. It was believed that such a policy would fit in with the Soviet Government's line of creating the maximum embarrassment everywhere for the Western Powers and those countries which subscribed to democratic principles. That decision, once for all, exposed the claims that the Communist parties of Asia stood for the freedom of their countries against Imperialism.

Cynical aspect

IN the first place, the decision was a deliberate bowing to Soviet wishes against the welfare of the peoples concerned. In the second place, the various uprisings which flowed from the decision were directed not only against the administrators of Western Powers, but against countries which had only just achieved independence.

In Burma, the Communists attacked the new left-wing government that had taken over only three months before from the British. In Indonesia, in August last year, the Communists sought to overthrow by force the Republican Govern-

ment which was just struggling for its life against the Dutch. And now in India, the onslaught proceeds against a government proceeding with the vast problems that faces it as a consequence of the British transference of power.

Nothing could be more cynical than this aspect of the new Russian Imperialism. Where there was a force that could be labelled Imperialist with any show of reason, as in Malaya, the Communists did so. Where there was no such a power, as in Burma or in India, the Communists informed the astonished populations that their own leaders, who had won independence from the British, were in reality only "stooges" of the old Imperialist rulers.

In Europe, or in Southeast Asia, the pattern is the same. Soviet Communism does the very thing that it accuses others most loudly of doing.

Apparently Soviet Russia cannot feel easy unless she can bring more and more of the world under her direct control. Should any country that falls within her toils protest, there are purges and blockades. How impossible it is for any country which retains any element of national pride to put up with Russian Imperialism has been shown in Europe by Yugoslavia. Soon, in Asia, it will doubtless

be shown by Mao Tse-tung's new China.

On the other hand, it is becoming increasingly clear to those Colonial peoples who have experienced any degree of Communist activity that the West does stand by the ultimate goal of freedom, that it proclaims. Even in Indonesia, where the Dutch have hardly helped, up to date, the Western cause in Asia tension has relaxed. The struggle between the nationalists and the Dutch had been long and bitter; but at last it has come to an end. The Indonesians and the Dutch meeting at The Hague have before them a greater prospect of success and agreement than they have ever had before.

But can that be said of any country that has been sucked into the Soviet whirlpool? Only Finland has maintained any degree of political independence. Even she has lost large tracts of territory, and almost all her industry is subordinated to the dictates of Russian needs.

Dead as a dodo

THE proposition that the Western Powers are imperialist and that Russia is on the side of freedom is as dead as a dodo. Britain, for example, has with deliberation divested herself of authority in India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma. In those countries live the best part of 500,000,000 people. In the countries that are not yet fully self-governing, everyone knows that British promises of independence can be relied upon and everyone can see that the preparations for it are being made.

In the countries that fall under the Russian shadow, everyone knows that the Russian word cannot be relied upon, and that her talk of anti-Imperialism is merely a smoke-screen designed to cover the most hideous and cynical Imperialism—from which there is no redemption—that the world has ever seen.

C. V. R. Thompson

HE WILL HYPNOTISE THEM TO TOP OF THE LEAGUE

NEW YORK.

AN American baseball team, famous for always being at the bottom of the league, is planning to use hypnotism next season to produce a winning streak.

Depressed over their team's constant failures, the management of St. Louis Browns called in psychiatrists. And the mind doctors said the players were suffering from nervous tension.

They had lost so often they were always worried and would miss the ball. Recently, the management asked Dr. S. Tracey, a leading New York hypnotist, if he could help. Dr. Tracey thought he could.

His plan is to join the team during spring training and hypnotise the players into believing in themselves.

Said Dr. Tracey: "Any athlete who succumbs to nervous tension loses some of his ability. 'If I could treat the Browns and make them concentrate on their abilities rather than on those of their opponents' I am sure it would help."

He is so sure, he has offered to work for expenses only. He will not be paid unless the St. Louis Browns do what they have seldom done before and end up the season in first, second, or third place.

OPINION: "The only part of the bird of peace America has yet seen," said commentator Patrick Barnes, "is the bill."

AVIATION: Wellwood Beal, a boss of one of America's largest aviation firms, promised that he could produce a jet air-liner ahead of Britain if Washington would pay for it.

MUSIC: Even music is to become synthetic now. In a Chicago speech, scientist Robert Lewis predicted that the composer of the future will draw his masterpieces instead of writing them down in quavers and semibreves. He will do this by composing a sound track.

Said Dr. Lewis: "He will orchestrate while he composes, and this will enable him to use sounds never before produced with rhythms far more intricate than we can now imagine."

Another "advantage"—the composition can be played

throughout the world as the composer, instead of the conductor, interpreted it.

MOTORING: Because of record breaking production, there are to be no more dealers waiting lists in America for new cars. Detroit has promised that all makes of cars except one will be delivered just as soon as the dealers get their customers' money.

LITERATURE: Jean Van Evera, authoress of the recent best-seller "How to be happy While Single," got married the other day.

THEATRE: Broadway producers are planning to try out more of their new plays in London before bringing them to New York. Reason—production costs are one-third less in the West End, and so losses from failures are not so disastrous.

BACK in 1937 an Indiana judge named Sherman Minton backed F.D.R. in the only fight he lost—to put younger blood into the United States Supreme Court. President Truman has appointed Minton to fill a vacancy in that court, Minton's age—46.

Well, what's Wicksteed been up to?

BERNARD WICKSTEED GOES TO THE ZOO

THE other day I was reading to my children "The Tale of Mrs Tiggy Winkle." Do you know it? It's about a washerwoman who turned out to be a hedgehog.

I'd barely announced the title when the brightest and most infuriating of my offspring piped up and said: "How can you have a tale of a hedgehog when hedgehogs don't have tails?" (Sweet little things, children, aren't they? It's a miracle some of them survive.)

With admirable patience I explained that washerwomen don't have tails either, yet that doesn't stop you telling tales about them.

The incident passed over, but afterwards I began to wonder. I was reasonably certain of my facts about washerwomen, but was the child right about hedge-

hogs? Don't they have tails?

Could you give an answer straight away? Very well, then let's find out. And the place to do so is the library of the London Zoo, where

they know me so well by now that I'm beginning to feel quite a Fellow.

They sat me down at a desk, brought out all the books on hedgehogs ever written, and left me to sort the matter out. You know, the Common Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)



is quite an eccentric character and rather likable when you get to understand his problems.

If he spoke colloquial English, and you asked him how he felt, the answer you'd get would be "Lousy." That's the skeleton in his cupboard, the tragedy of his life. You see, the poor fellow can't scratch. His prickles get in the way.

If I were a millionaire with nothing to do I'd go round the countryside building dear little hedgehog baths filled with DDT.

Naturally a creature with a secret sorrow like this easily takes to drink. There's a record in one of the books at the Zoo of a man who tamed a hedgehog by making it drunk.

He poured beer over him as he lay in a ball and under the influence of alcohol he opened up. "On recovering sobriety," says the book, "he remained a pet for the rest of his life."

And in Paris there's an actress called Mlle. Mia Parely who has a hedgehog called Sosthene which lives on red wine and Camembert cheese.

She gives him wine, she says, because he's so friendly when drunk. Mind you, it isn't necessary to be a drunken hedgehog to make friends with a French actress.

Besides getting tight and friendly with actresses another thing hedgehogs do is to snore in their sleep. I had one once that hibernated in a pile of old leaves behind the bicycle shed, and whenever our parties were going slow we took the guests out in the garden to hear the hedgehog snore. Great fun.

Hedgehogs laugh too. Boys in the country make them do it by drawing a stick gently across their hamstrings. It sends them into shrieks because it tickles so much.

Another of their party tricks is to leap off a ten-foot wall, roll up in a ball as they fall, and land unhurt on their prickles.

Hedgehogs climb trees. Oh, yes, they do. And walls with ivy on them and drain pipes. A man at Sydenham found one in the gutter of his roof four storeys up. Because they can curl in a ball if they fall they are not afraid of heights.

In spite of all his gifts some people don't like the hedgehog. Gamekeepers don't. They say he eats pheasants' eggs. To prove

this isn't true some scientific hedgehog fans kept one hungry for several days and then put him in a box with an egg.

The hedgehog ignored it completely. His front teeth aren't long enough to drill a hole in the shell as rats do and his jaws won't open wide enough to crush anything bigger than a sparrow's egg.

Another thing hedgehogs are supposed to do is creep up to sleeping cows and suck their milk. Scientists doubt this, too. They say his mouth is too small.

But hedgehogs do eat odders. They catch hold of the adder's tail in their teeth and then curl up in a ball. The maddened asp bashes its brains out against the wall of prickles while, inside, the hedgehog chews away at the tail, feeling safe and very happy.

Other things hedgehogs eat are slugs, cicadas, worms, and bread and milk. On the whole they don't care much about vegetables.

Passing from what they eat to what calls them, we come to the great gypsy mystery. I was brought up to believe and I expect you were, too, that gypsies dote on roast hedgehog.

The story was that the gipsies rolled the hedgehog in a ball of clay and cooked it in the ashes.

Well, not one of the authors of all those books in the Zoo library had ever seen a gipsy eat a hedgehog, and most of them doubted the story.

One of the writers went so far as to accuse a hedgehog's hind leg and try it himself. He said it was awful—rank and bitter, as you'd expect from an animal that lives mainly on insects.

Hedgehogs have been around for about 3,000,000 years and, judging by their fossils, they don't seem to have changed much in that time.

They can't fight, or run fast (six miles an hour in top gear), but their prickles have saved them from being trampled to death by countless generations of heavy-footed animals and from being eaten too often by beasts of prey.

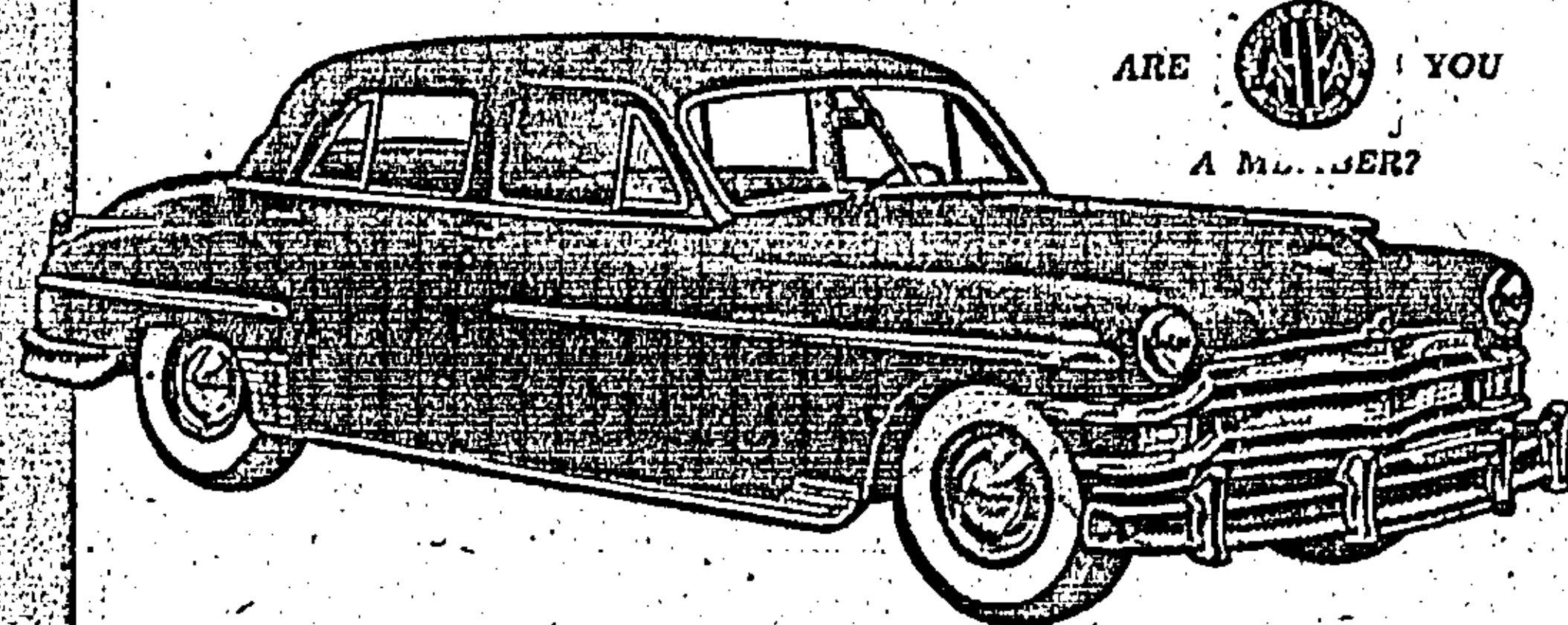
But now they are dying in thousands on the roads, because they haven't learned that their prickles aren't proof against cars.

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Ambedkar estimated the Harijan population of India "between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000."

PROVINCIAL LAWS

Introduction of provincial laws designed to end discrimination against untouchables has been far from successful. Hundreds of Hindu temples, previously out-of-bounds to untouchables, have been thrown open to untouchables recently. But the opening ceremonies in most cases have been guarded by heavy detachments of police, and according to Ambedkar, "most untouchables still would rather not enter a temple."

An Harijan woman was benten to death in the East Punjab because she joined a banquet of upper caste Hindus. Many public eating places still refuse to serve food or even water to Harijans. In



GROUP picture taken after the wedding of Mr P. A. Yvanovich and Miss Theresa Alves, which was solemnised at the Rosary Church last Saturday. (Golden Studio)



PHOTOGRAPH taken at St Joseph's Church last week after the christening of Beverly Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Willoy. (Ming Yuen)



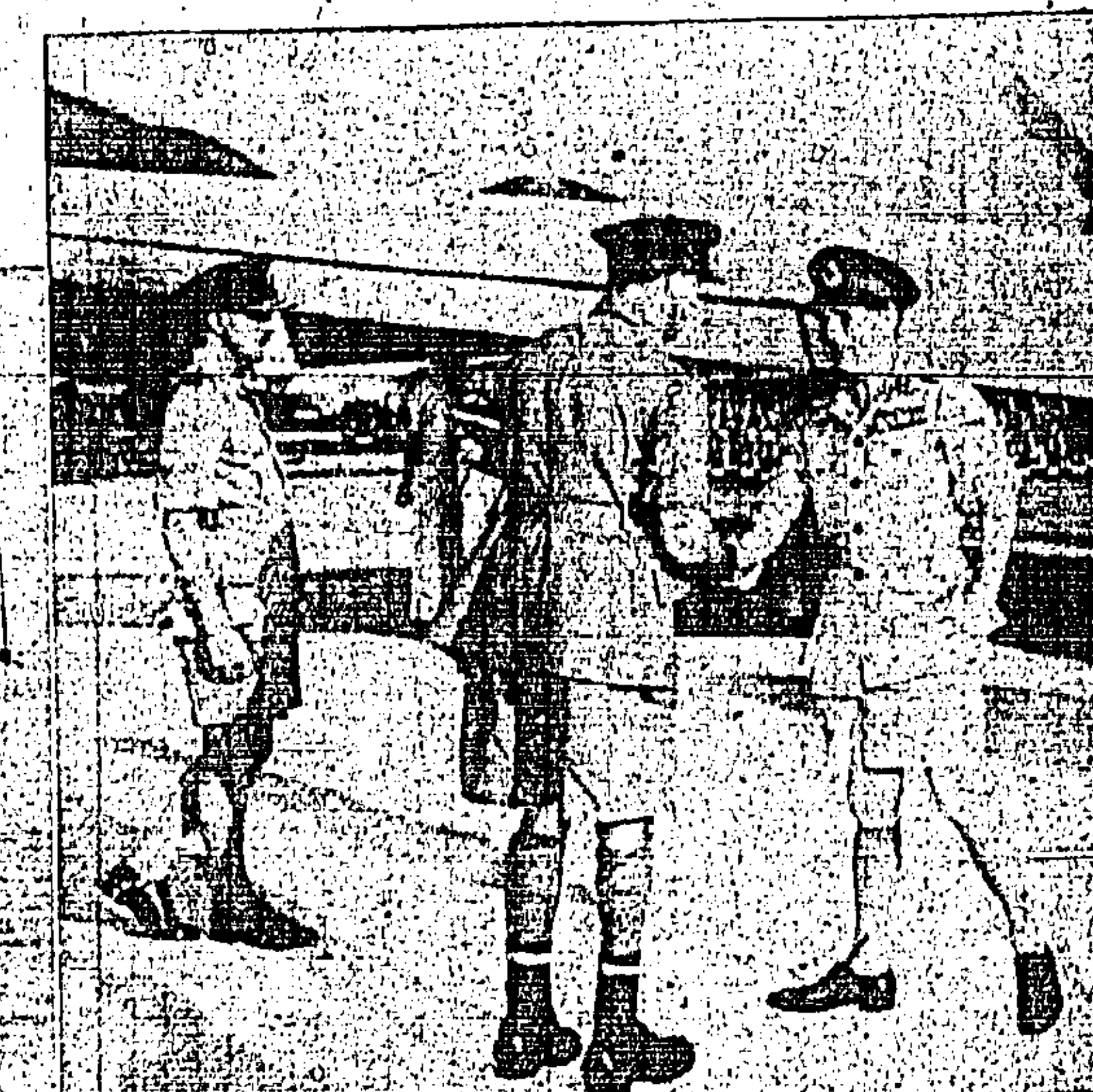
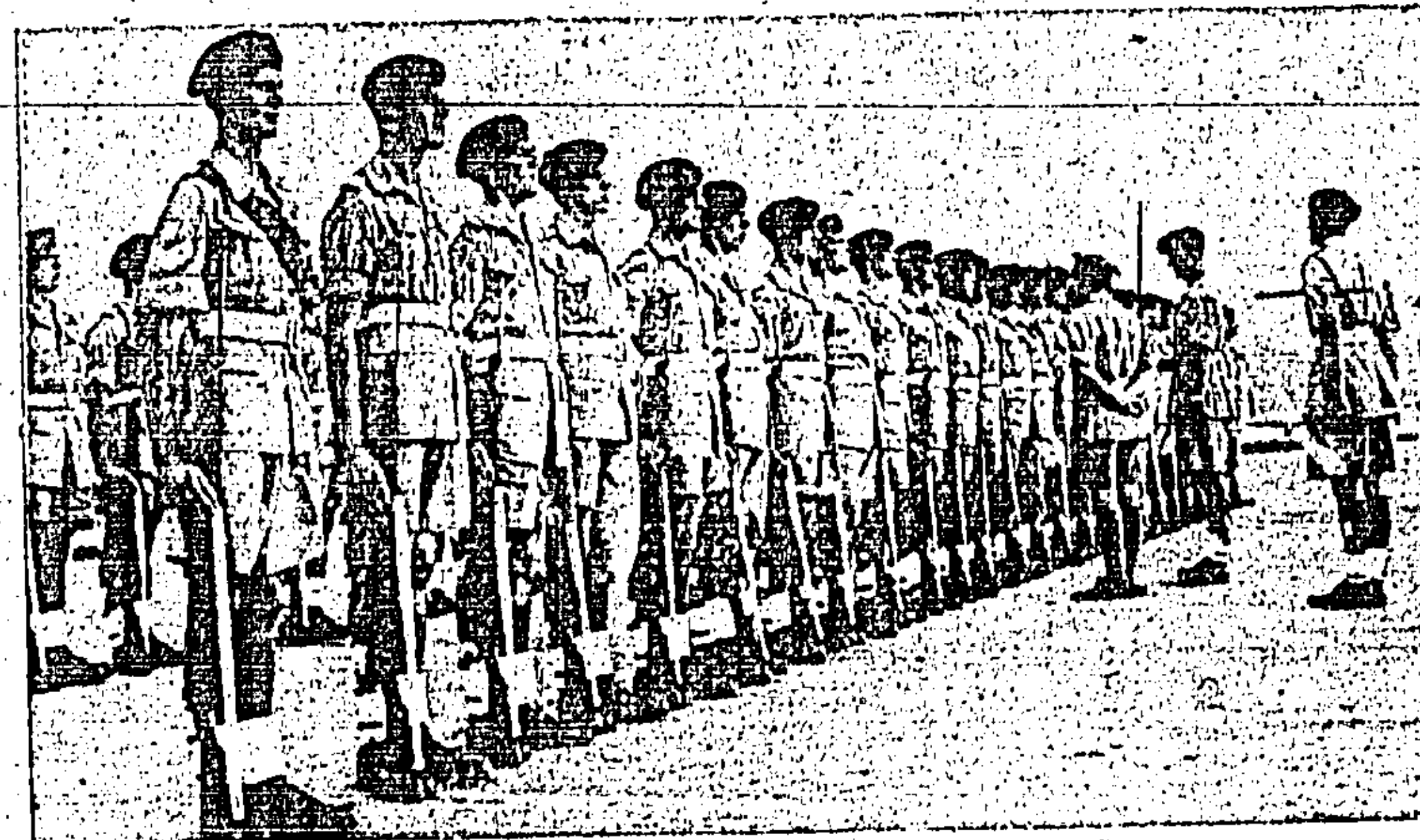
RIGHT: MR Guy Davis and Mrs Nancy Kwok photographed following their wedding at the Registry last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE annual Michaelmas Fair organised by St John's Cathedral was held in the grounds of the Hongkong Defence Force headquarters last Saturday. It was declared open by Mrs A. C. C. Madden, wife of the Vice-Admiral, Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet, and attracted a very large crowd. Here are two scenes of the Fair. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



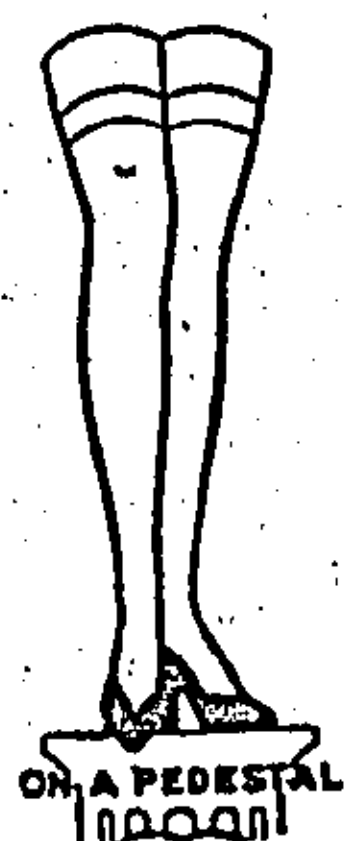
MR Chan Wong-ngai and Miss Chang Shok-yim, who were married at the Registry last week. (Ming Yuen)



THE General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, Lieut-Gen. Sir John Harding, arrived in Hongkong last week-end from Singapore to inspect the Hongkong forces. He is seen greeted at the airport (above) and (picture next, to the left) inspecting the guard of honour. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

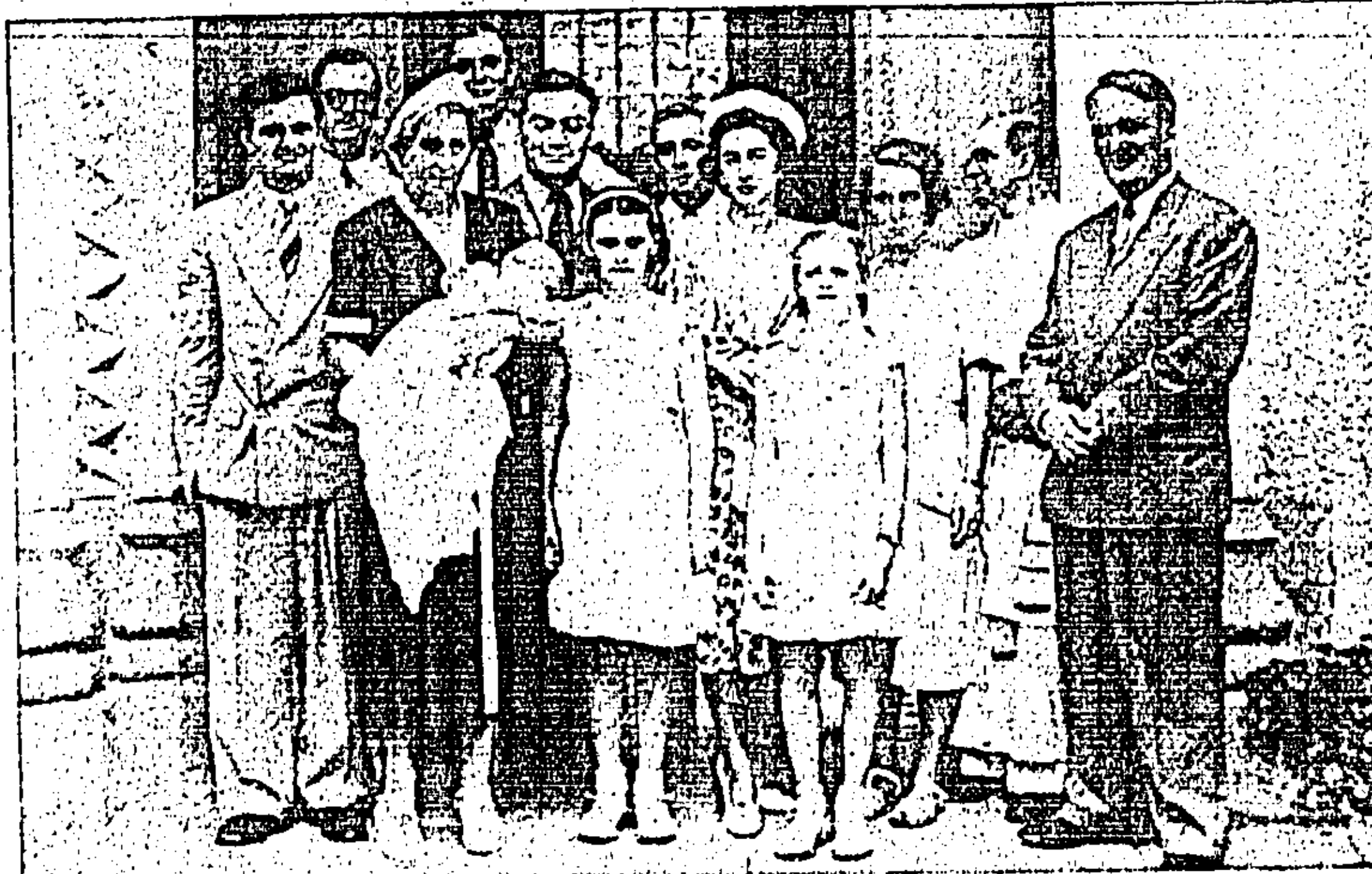
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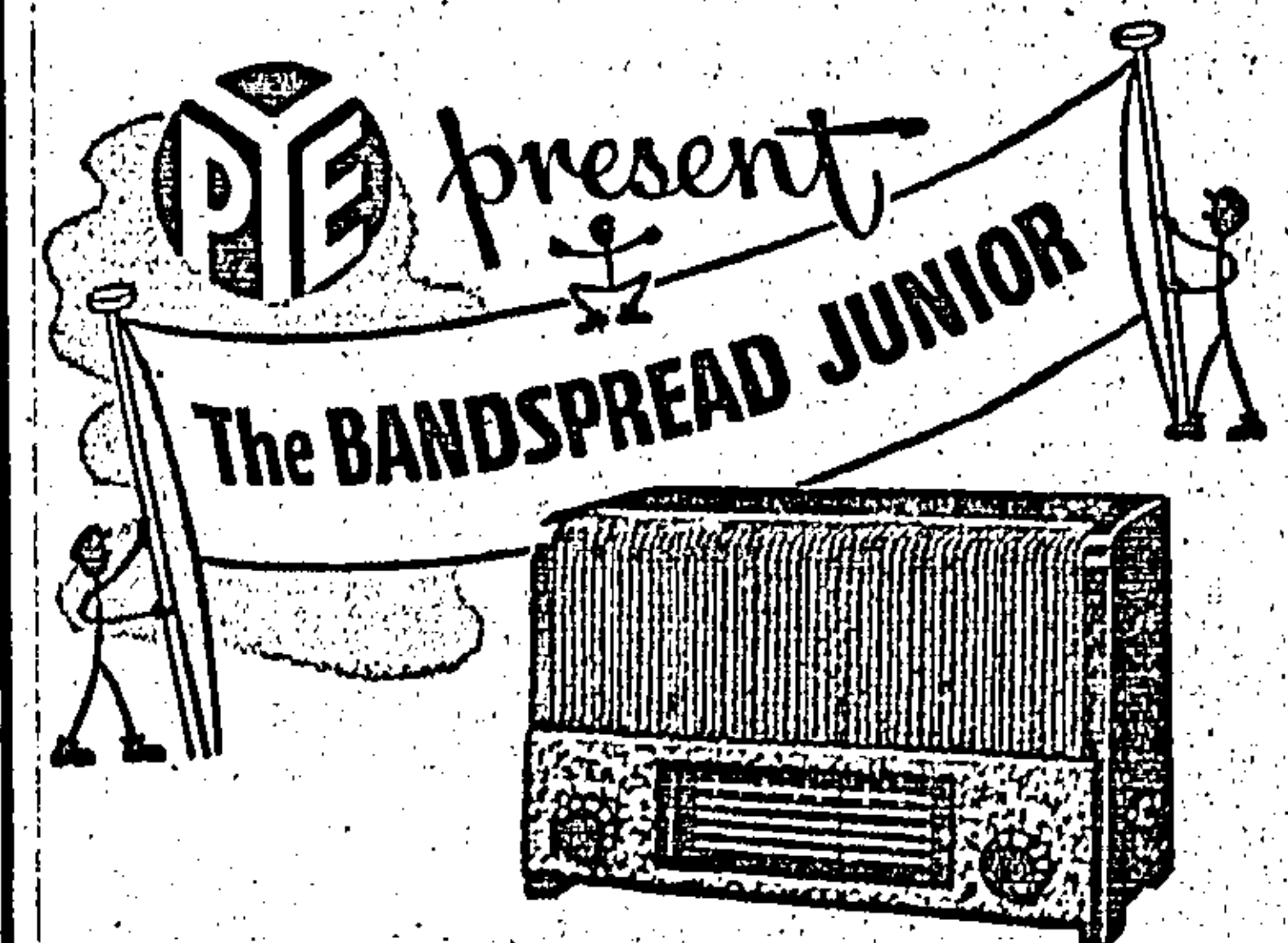


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RIGHT: After Sunday's christening at St John's Cathedral of Carol Lesloy, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs I. W. W. Boyd.



GROUP picture taken at the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club last Sunday when the well-known Indian educator, Professor Ganga Singh, was guest of the Club for tea. Professor Singh is seated in centre of second row, with Mr F. T. Molwani on his left and Mr R. S. Dhillon on his right. (Jimmy Foo)



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Abstractism
Carried Into
Fashion

PARIS. ALTHOUGH it is the modern theme—a split—that projects itself right into 1950—that characterises the Paris couture showings, just finished, according to cable reports and summaries from Paris, there is also a definite recollection of the 1920s apparent in many houses. And since all phases of "modern" art had significant development in the 20s, its reflection in the general influences of 1950 seems logical.

In the current conception of modern as applied to the new fashions in Paris, clothes and hats are related not only to abstract painting but to contemporary furniture, as well.

Abstract Influence

The abstract painters who are mentioned as having left their mark on the new collections are specifically Picasso, Matisse and Gauguin. "Everything symmetric or irregular, planes and angles," "composition of flat planes—sharp angles as in any painter's abstract pictures"—indicate how modern painting technique has been carried into Paris fashions.

Modern (so modern that it is called Mid-Century, meaning 1950) is the most significant force in the new fashion trends; the 1920s and their silhouettes is another, brought up to date; and very much more minor in its representation is the Far East, and this is referred to as 'modernised Chinese'.

Trend-Setting

These three trends appear to be the ones that will wield the greatest trend-setting power on current fashions-in-the-making. Even modern furniture has contributed inspiration to new Paris fashions in its asymmetric coupling of planes, angles and spheres.

Displacing
The Choker

THE flat Egyptian collar is the newest jewellery for evening wear, having quite displaced the choker. Pearls and diamonds are often mixed, and a really elaborate collar may be so wide that it fills in much of the décolletage. Sometimes imitation pearls, with rubies or emeralds, are used in the same ornament, with occasionally earrings to match.

Tracery necklaces are another innovation; these are a sort of elaborate worked pearl or jewel motifs strung in the front of a narrow chain, in a series of pearl links with long tassel ends. These are intended to be worn with the "portrait" neckline which is very much like an Elizabethan collar or ruff. A glance at a contemporary portrait will show that women in the mid-sixteenth century or earlier wore necklaces of very much the same type.

Pins, Scatterpins

But extremely modern in their feet are the scatterpins, hatpins and lapel pins which, in Britain, promise to be very much in vogue this autumn. The idea is to wear several tiny pins of different designs on the lapel of a jacket. Tiny insects are popular at present.

Woman to woman
Leopard time again

IT is smart to wear leopardskin again. From LONDON we get leopardskin double-breasted box jackets with three-quarter-length cuffed sleeves, and fastened with huge amber buttons... camel coats with leopard-skin linings.

From PARIS. — A sitting leopardskin carpet on the floor of a man's bedroom.

From AMERICA. — One square leopardskin pocket on a plain black dress or skirt; or a leopardskin belt — and hang from it a man's gold watch and gold Albert.

Why is life so difficult for the woman (and there are many) who is not blessed with a model figure?

Many "small" and "large" women tell me of the difficulty they have in finding smart clothes "off the peg."

A foot-wearer's search of London shops convinces me that

CORINNE
Recent short-hair convert.DINAH
Favours the forelock.CLAUDETTE
Has worn this style for years.

Controversy of the 'Cut'...

ARE women resisting the short, "urchin" hair cut? Mr H. Steiner, a hair stylist, said so but today the "pro-urchins" say why they claim long hair is out of fashion.

The first blow came from Mr. Sydney Riche, 40-year-old Sydney hair stylist.

He said: "Leading fashion designers are producing high collars and close hats. These will be copied by the wholesale fashion houses."

"This being so, it seems obvious that short hair will be

fashionable for another 18 months. Long hair over high collars will look ridiculous."

The second blow came from Mr. Sidney Adler, on holiday from California, where he manages hairdressing departments of 12 stores. He said: "The short hair style is the best thing since the New Look, and a great deal more attractive."

"Hollywood stars following the new fashion include Claudette Colbert, Corinne Calvet, and Dinah Shore."

[The manager of one chain of hairdressing shops in Britain has said women in Britain would not adopt the new styles because film stars had not done so.]

The third blow came from Paris, from M. Pierre Remy, who has styled Princess Margaret's hair.

He said: "Short hair is the natural development of the French and English fashions, with their Cavalier collars and trim dresses, that require short hair."

—(London Express Service)

London Autumn Collections
Rival Paris'

By JOAN ERSKINE

LONDON. PARIS has let us down badly. Fashion writers in England saw the British couture collections, and rushed across the Channel on masse to see the French offerings. Many of them have since regretted that they did not enthuse more over the London fashions.

For Paris gave us leed drinks in the heat of the

noonday sun, and sprayed us with their latest perfumes in the cool of the evening; the models drifted like blown flowers along floodlight aisles at mid-

The truth of the matter is that the London designers beat Paris to it this time. Perhaps it will never happen again—but the collections seen over here this autumn anticipated almost every one of the French trends, and interpreted them, moreover, with far more grace and elegance than Paris.

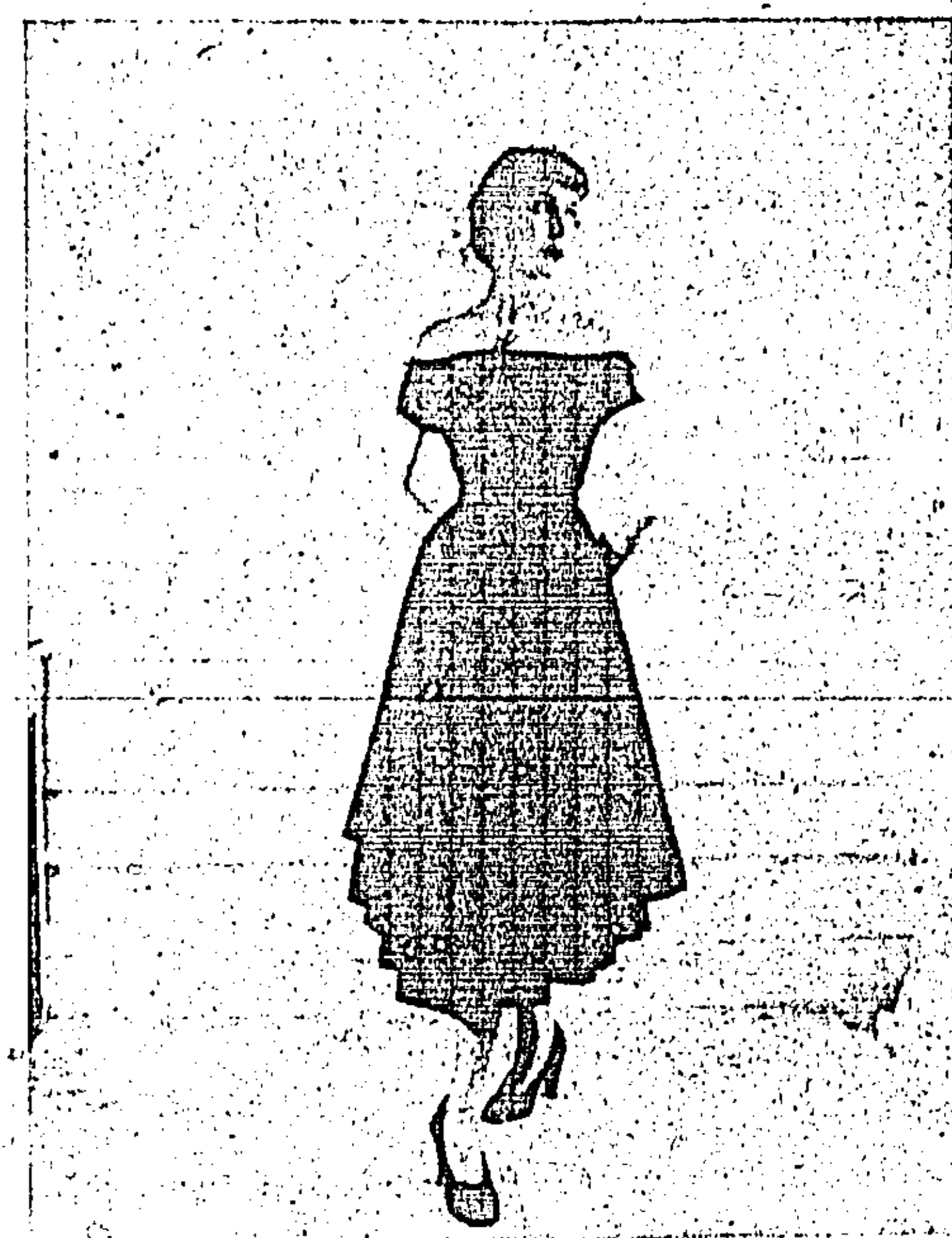
There is one point worth noticing. This year Paris has come out in open challenge to the British tweed and worsted export market by boosting her woolen industry. Before the war France did not seriously compete in the heavier material ranges—she concentrated on elaborate silks and satins, brocades and taffetas. And this

they went to extreme—the hobble-skirts were so tight that at one house even the mannequins had trouble with them—and asked for the carpets to be lifted so that they could glide along the parquet floor! As one male observer was heard to comment unhappily, "Either their skirts are too tight to let them sit down, or they are buttoned up to the eyebrows and we can't see their faces!"

Paris, It's Late!

In brief, flowing top coats are still there, suits are tight-skirted and loose-jacketed, collars are high and wide, and skirts are slightly shorter. In the London spring collections all this had been seen.

Helena Giffers showed a "barrel jacket" suit—in Paris a week later, Marcel Rochas showed the self-same line, and it happened again and again.



THE "DISTURBED HEMLINE" is this. Ronald Peterson's young formal short dress with laced neckline and capped sleeves. It is seen all over London in a variety of ways. Here it swoops up daintily at each side, for a change, showing the knees. It is made of gleaming bronze taffeta with black polka dots all over, and is fresh and original.

night, and the designers, looking so very much a part of the fabulous scene that is at once Fashion, and French, blew kisses to their audiences, and handed out dainty monogrammed fans for their comfort.

But where was the new line we had come to see?

These were the autumn collections, important ones, and buyers and press representatives from all parts of the world were congregated in this gayest of capitals. The sad truth must be faced.

There is no new line.

Paris played with vast collars, muffled us to the noses with chiffon ruffles, and M. Dior threw in several dresses that might have been lifted from the pages of any fashion magazine of the 'twenties—with skirts short enough for us to do the Charleston in, if we felt inclined that way. (He shyly introduced one of these low-waisted, short-skirted efforts in his previous collection—just to give us a foretaste of things to come. We hoped at the time it was a passing whim, but then, hope always springs eternal, etc.)

DORVILLE'S tea green dress in fine wool with white fur collar at neck, like pie-crust proves attractive and original.

Is one field in which Britain stands a reasonable chance of coming out on top, not only through imagination and skill in handling tweeds and worsteds, but also through many years of practice.

Dior has used the thickest possible "door-mat" tweeds for his winter-coats. He borrowed an idea from the cloaks worn by the French shepherds of the Pyrenees—so loose they are almost circular, and can be wrapped round in double thickness in cold weather. In some other models the doorman alone is so low that it appears like a shoulder cape.

The main Paris theme seemed to incline towards very tight "hobble-skirts" relieved by sheath-like overskirts, floating panels, or side drapery. But

Beauty points

by CHERRY MARSHALL

The secret of a
smooth face

YOU can control the contours of your face by skilful massage. Practised, according to some authorities, by the women of Ancient Egypt, it is still an effective treatment for improving the blood circulation and refining flabby and relaxed muscles.

15 minutes

A good 15-minute routine begins, after covering the hair to prevent it getting greasy, with a generous coating of cold cream on hands and face.

Then:
1 Cup your chin in the palms of your hands and stroke firmly towards the ears repeating 12 times.

2 With the palms reversed and thumbs placed on the chin, massage towards the end of the jawbones, also 12 times.

These are an effective treatment for a double chin.

3 With fingers placed flat over your mouth, stroke upwards and outwards towards the ears, working the skin on your cheeks gently with the palms.

Don't pull the skin, particularly on the cheekbones, but concentrate on moving the flesh underneath. Done a dozen times, this will prevent wrinkling and stimulate sagging muscles.

4 For unsightly "pouches," put the fingertips flat on your face under your eyes, and massage lightly towards the temples, then from the outer corners of the eyes towards the hairline.

Twelve repeats

5 To smooth a lined forehead, massage firmly from the tips of the nose along the bridge to the centre of the forehead, and fan out to the temples. Repeat 12 times.

By this time you will find that the cream has been absorbed by the pores. Replenish generously, and begin movements again from No 1.

When the massage is completed, sponge the residue off the face with cold water.

Our skins, unless naturally oily, tend to coarsen in excessive sunshine.

Remorseful addicts, dismayed by a summer-tan that hasn't quite gone out or is turning sallow, should try a face-pack of fuller's earth and a few drops of lemon.

It should be left on for 15 minutes and then washed off with warm water. Dry skin must be treated with a good bleaching cream.

Use salt

A teaspoon of salt mixed with a teaspoon of skin food is excellent for removing dry flakes of skin which peel off its tan instead of fading.

An unusual and stimulating face-mask is a mentholated ointment of the kind used for relieving colds.

It should be smoothed thinly over the face, keeping it away from the eyes.

Leave it on until the tingling sensation becomes uncomfortable, then sponge with a hot towel. Remove the residue with tissues, and finish off by bathing the face in cold water.

This is also good for large pores, a condition aggravated by heavy make-up which is not scrupulously removed at night. A face-pack is no substitute for careful cleansing.

Avoid grease

Women who have skin trouble and find foundations harmful should ask their chemists to tint a bottle of camellia lotion. Glimmering luxuriant in grease, and oily cosmetics must be avoided. Always wash with medicated soap, and use boracic lint instead of a face flannel.

Some women have an optimistic belief in ice as a skin stimulant. Unfortunately, it tends to break the tiny veins under the surface of the skin and can give the face a mottled look.

Ice should never be used unless it is first wrapped in a fine handkerchief.

A safer method of toning and stimulating the skin is gentle friction with a small rubber suction brush.

In the event of a late-season heat-wave, remember you will look cooler if—

Your lipstick, nail-and toe-colouring aren't bright pillar box red.

You favour a matt, rather than a shiny, make-up. Your hair is not over-oiled. Wear it short or tie it off the neck with a pretty ribbon.

Autumn tints

After the bronzed gaiety of summer make-up, colours will again emphasise creamy skins and femininity. Ready for autumn, subtle-tinted pinks, soft-toned reds and delicate corals are the appropriate lipstick shades if you are fair.

Brunettes should choose clear, tone reds rather than bold crimsons, and except for redheads, it is wise to avoid granitic or blue-red.

Brighter lips

Too large mouths need pastel lipstick. Before filling in, outline them carefully with a lip-stick brush, keeping just within the edges.

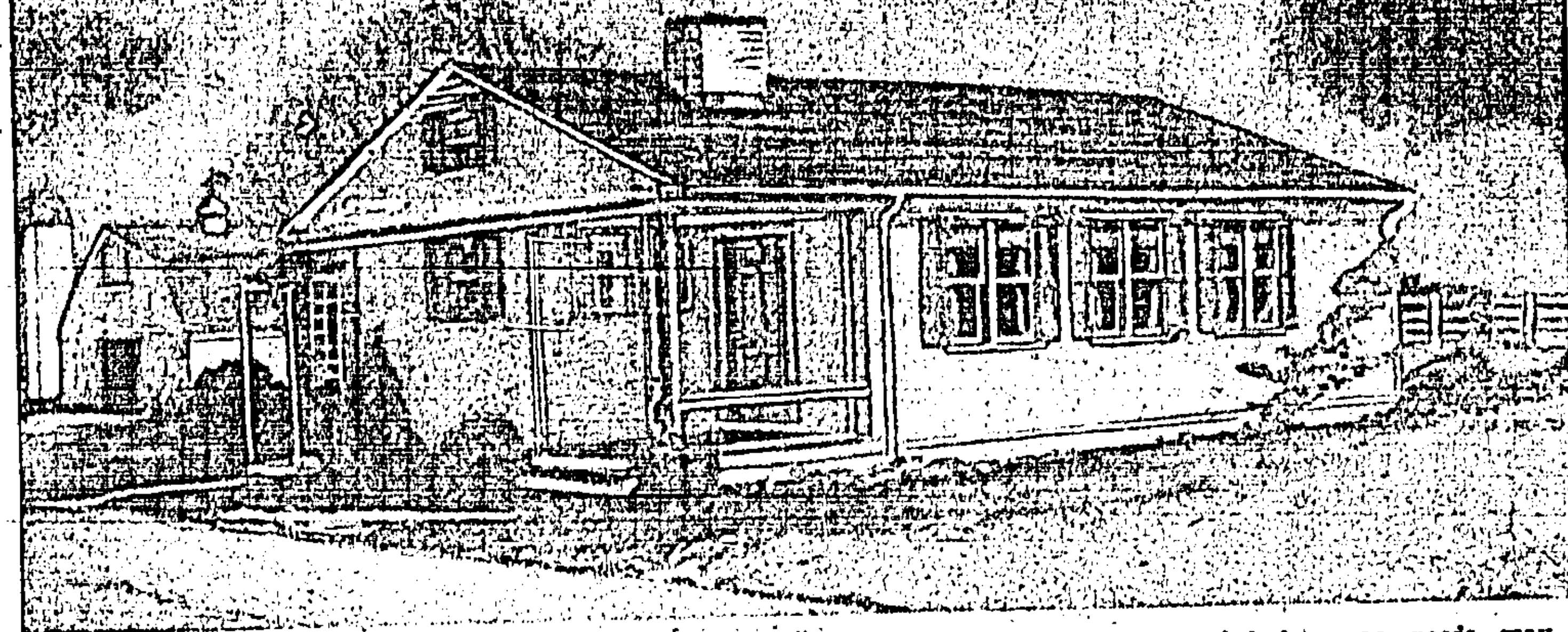
Small mouths can carry the lipstick slightly beyond the outer edges. First drawn with a lip pencil, this will look perfectly natural.

Use brighter, more adventurous colour tones of bright rose and flame red.

—(London Express Service)

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

FOR A MODEST START



VERY POPULAR TODAY IS THE HOUSE whose plan can begin modestly, and can be expanded later as needs may require and finances allow. The view above shows this house in its two-bedroom aspect. Its design permits a rear wing to be added, providing two more bedrooms, lavatory.

By MARION CLYDE MCCARROLL

THE young couple with just enough money to start out modestly in their quest for a new home will be interested in the houses pictured here.

The house above is so designed that it can start out as a two-bedroom home, with a rear wing to be added when and as desired, or the whole thing can be built at once.

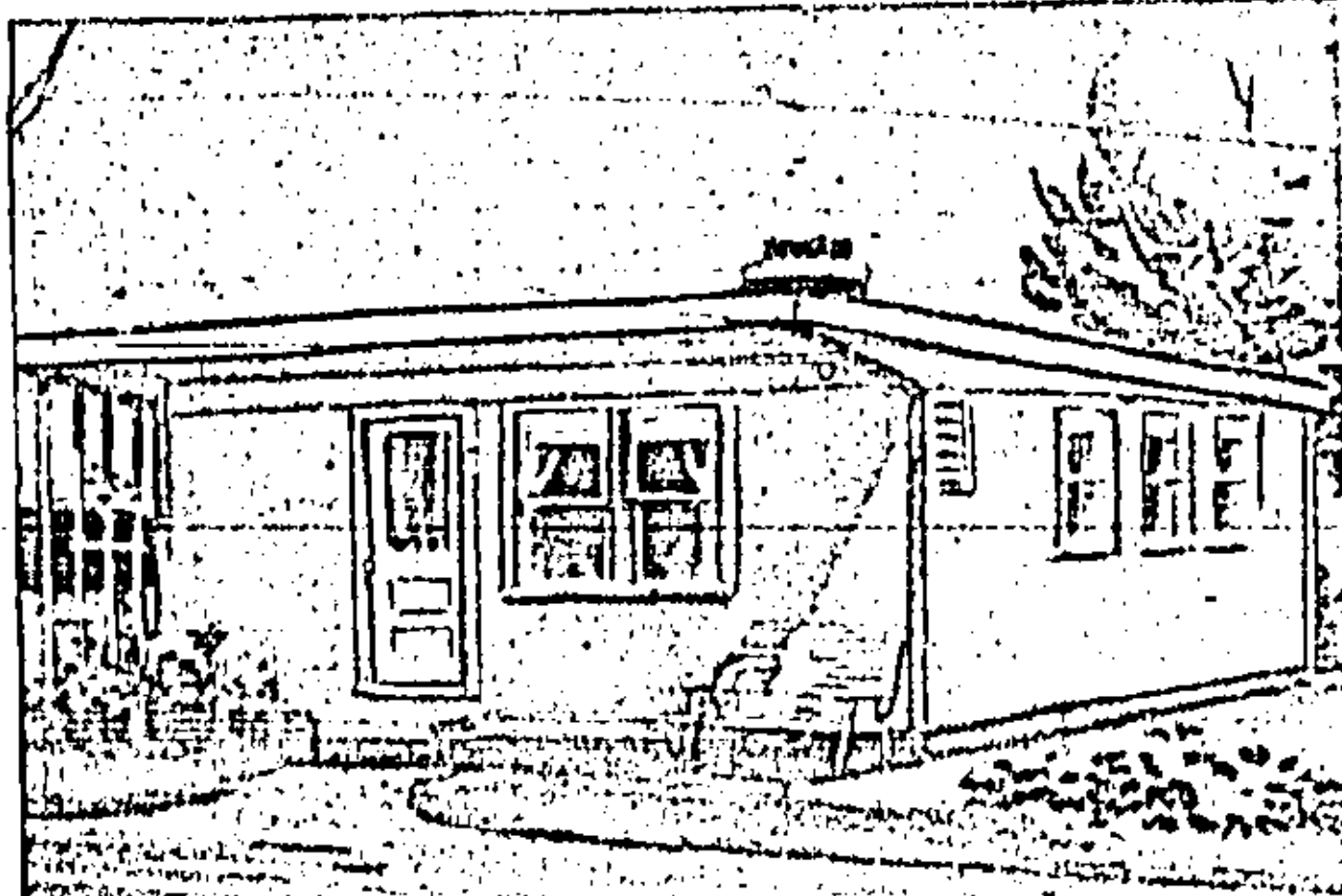
Without the additional wing, the "expandable" house has an area of 23,000 cubic feet, while the addition gives it another 4,000 cubic feet. The plan for the rear wing is such that no demolition would be required to build it on. Joined to the original house, it can be entered from the house through a door from the bedroom hall, or from a connecting door that may lead to a garage or play yard.

But whether a two-bedroom or a four-bedroom home, it is amply spacious, with a large living room dividing the service area from the sleeping quarters. Dining space is provided at one end of the living room, with

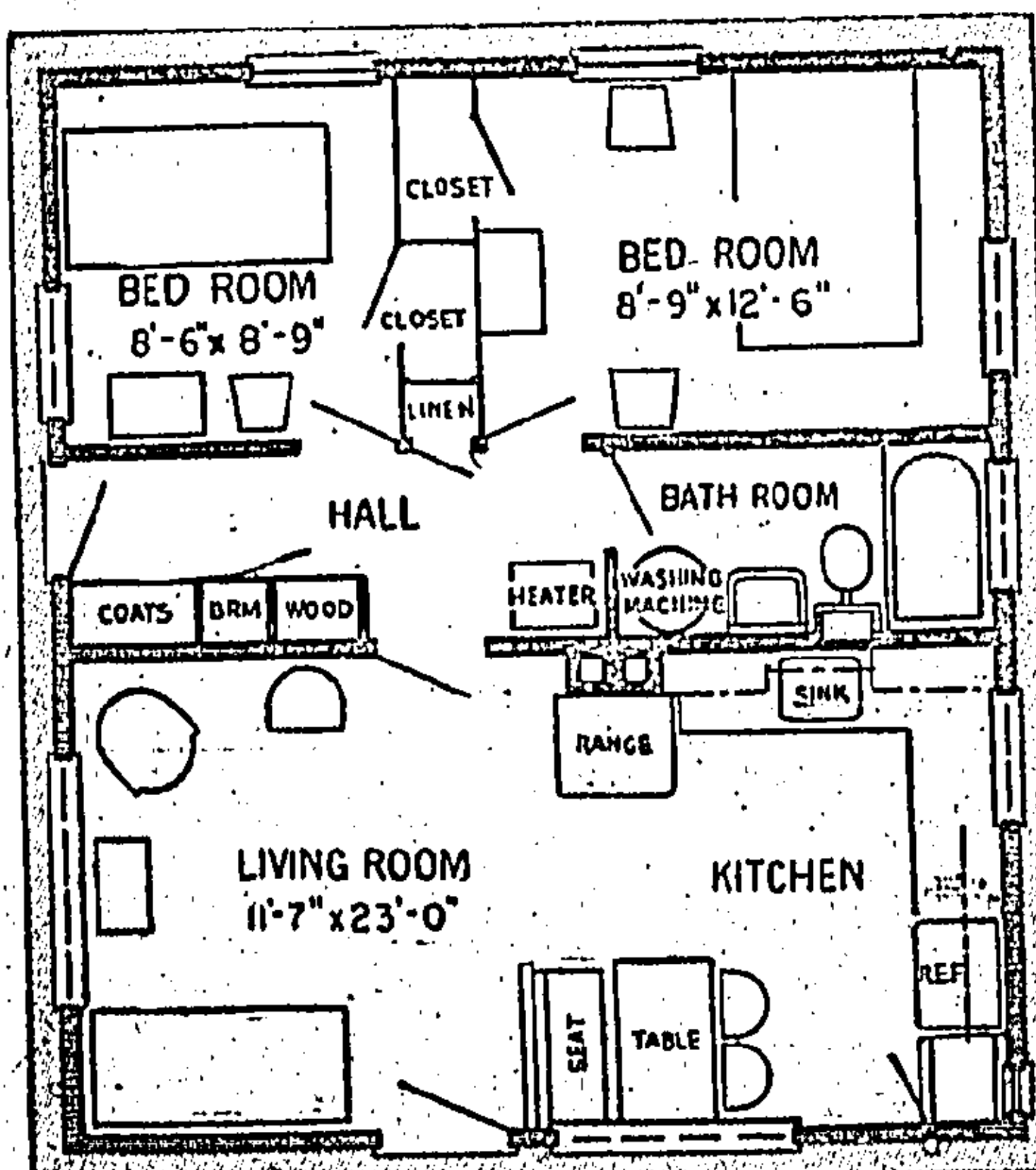
entrance to the kitchen at one side, and to the bedroom hall at the other. Simple in design, the house is planned to have white stucco walls and roof of red or black bricks.

The two pictures below show the same house with different type roofs. This is a so-called "minimum shelter" house, containing just enough room for two people—or possibly two people with small children who can "double up" in a tiny bedroom—to live in comfortable compactness. The "minimum shelter" house has living room, kitchen and two bedrooms, with the kitchen opening directly off the living room, and the dining table located to the side to effect a feeling of division between them. Laundry facilities are in the bathroom, and the heater is just outside in the hall.

The area of this small home is said to be twice that of one of the larger-sized trailers, and the cost estimated to be about the same as buying the trailer. Building it with the flat, instead of the gable roof cuts the cost down somewhat.



IF THE HOUSE IS built with a flat roof, construction costs will be somewhat lower. A possible variation in the front window style is also shown.



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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

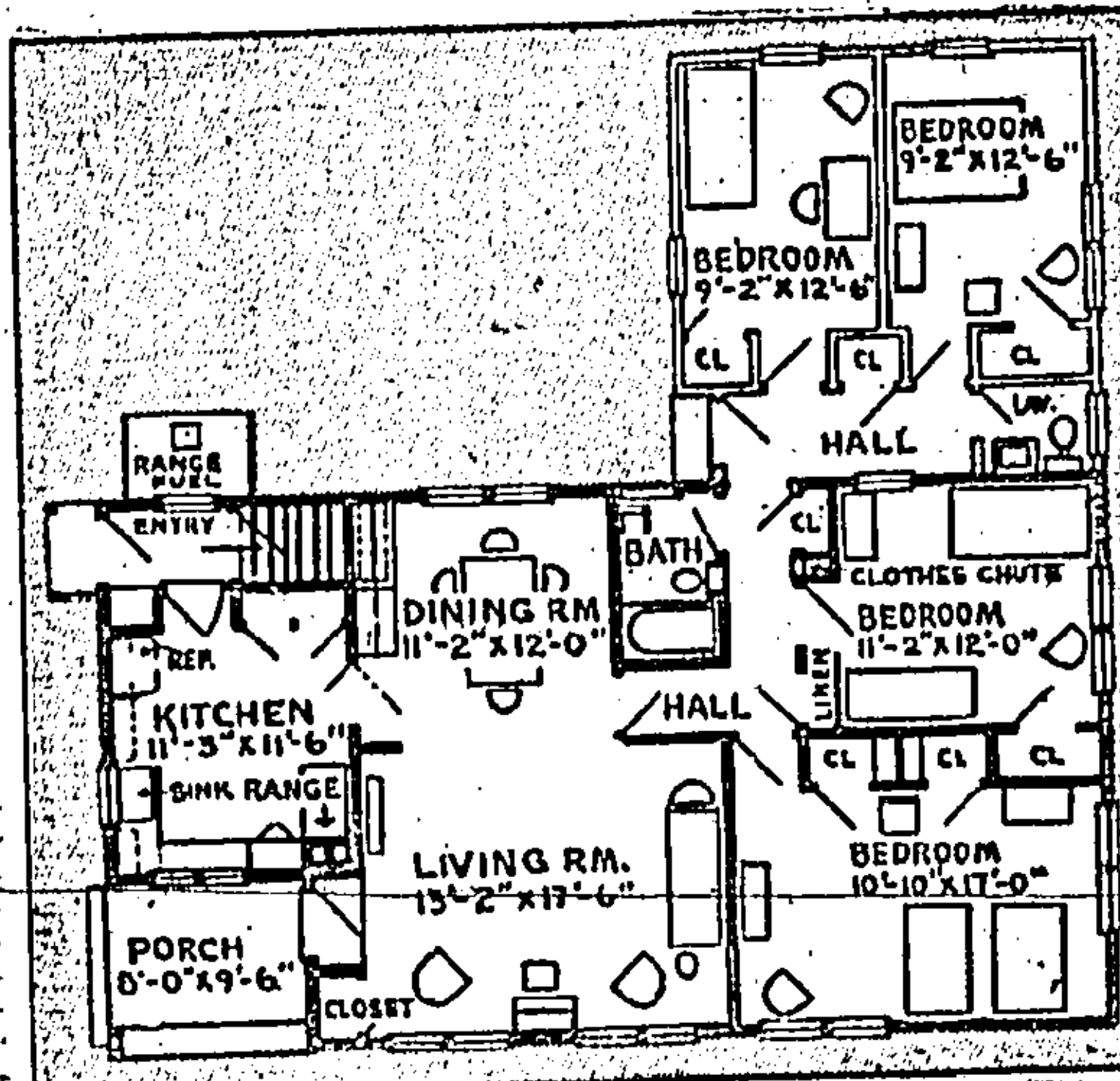
BE sure to keep cleaning compounds out of the reach of children. Many of them are poisonous.

Do not use turpentine, gasoline or other mineral spirits on asphalt tile. If you do, the colours will surely run.

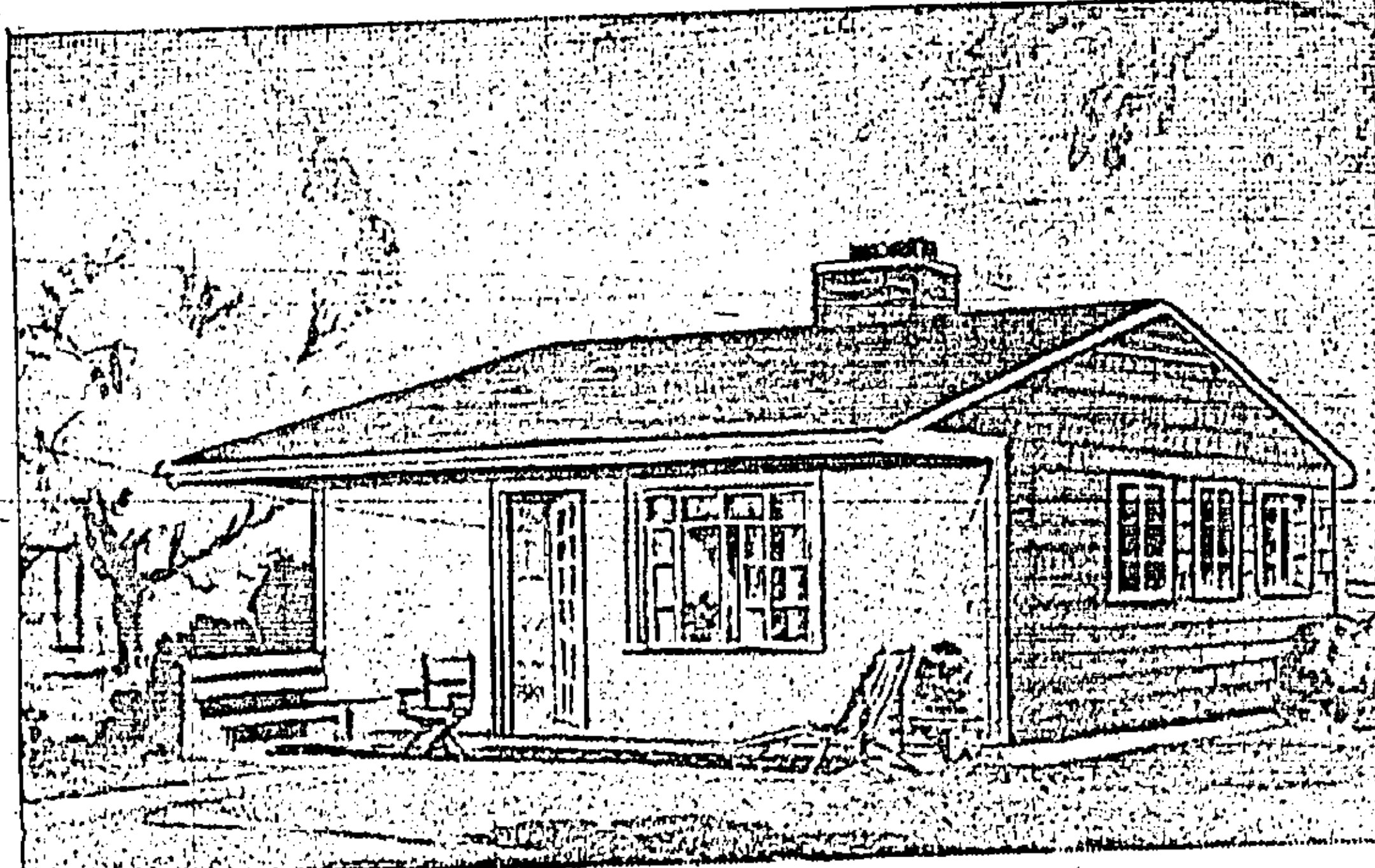
At windy—but not too windy—sunny day is best for wash-

ing blankets, so that they will dry quickly and keep their fluffiness. Hanging too long in the sun will fade cotton blankets and may scorch woolen ones.

To prevent baby from tipping over his highchair, put a screen door hook on the back of the chair, and hook-eyes on the wall so that the chair can be safely secured.



HERE IS THE INTERIOR PLAN, showing the house in its expanded form. The five-room section in the foreground, of course, is the original house.



THIS HOUSE, AND THE ONE on the left, are the same, except for the difference in the roofs. Definitely a "minimum shelter" house, it would nicely fill the needs of bride and groom, or young people with very small children.

LEARN TO IRON WITH EFFICIENCY

By ELEANOR ROSS

NEW and improved irons on the market feature better automatic fabric dials, new lighter weights, and other improvements. No matter how improved the iron, there's still the personal know-how necessary to be a first-class ironer. And as what must be done might just as well be as good a task as possible, here are some hints to help.

Ironing the family wash can be a discouraging, tiresome task, if you use the wrong methods. But if the proper procedures are followed, the task goes quickly and well, and every article emerges with a new finish, a high gloss.

First, have as good an ironing board as you can manage, and have it adjusted to a pleasant height, so that you can do the job sitting down. Have the surface well padded and top this with a clean, tight-fitting cover, which should be kept clean by frequent washing. Old sheets make fine covers.

Clothes Basket

Make things as easy as possible for yourself by placing the clothes basket on a stool at your left, and have a rack or table at your right for the ironed pieces. A good iron has tapering sides, a narrow point to negotiate buttons, and a cool

handle. Iron single thicknesses when possible. Iron one section dry before starting on the next. Always iron with the weave of the fabric, up and down or across, not on the bias. When ironing coloured clothes that are not colour fast, use an extra muslin cloth over the ironing board to avoid staining the cover.

Cotton or linen fabrics should be dampened for the best results, and they may be ironed on either the wrong or the right side. Iron pillow-cases from the closed end to the hem on both sides. Iron tablecloths first on the wrong side, then on the right. Do not press all the folds with the iron. The lengthwise crease down the centre of the cloth may be ironed, but the other folds should be made by hand. Ironed creases do not lie as flat on the table as do un-ironed folds.

Ironing Sheets

To save time when ironing sheets, iron all four thicknesses at once, folding lengthwise, then crosswise, with the top hem on the outside. If sheets are folded smoothly when removed from the line, ironing two top hem may be sufficient. At least, that is what we have discovered. Hang flat pieces on a rack to dry thoroughly before putting away.

To keep table mats or doilies smooth, roll on cardboard rolls or lay flat in a drawer. This is why we store all rolls from paper towels and such. And it

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Dietary Menu For Grandma

WE hear a great deal about the "increased expectancy of life." And here's proof. During the last ten years the number of persons over 65 years of age in America has increased at a rate almost five times the increase in the general population.

Each more and more elderly persons are with us. And whether or not they keep well and happy depends to a great extent on their diet. The medical profession has recognized this fact and has launched a new phase of the science of nutrition called geriatrics, or the feeding of the aging.

What makes the feeding of the elderly difficult is that they have accumulated a long list of food likes and dislikes, which often make them demand foods they should not eat, and refuse those they really need.

Psychologist-dietitian. So if grandma or grandpa, or great-aunt Sue is living in your home, you will have to play the part of an amateur psychologist as well as dietitian to provide meals they will eat and enjoy. For if food is not enjoyed it is not well digested.

But this means cooking two sets of meals, one for the family and one for the old people, you protest. Not if you plan carefully. Many foods enjoyed by the family can be eaten by the elderly; and many foods the elderly should eat will be enjoyed by the whole family.

In general, harsh roughage foods should not be used for the elderly. These include very rough whole grain breads and cereals, salads and raw vegetables (unless very ripe), and raw seedy berries. Starches, sugars and fats must be restricted in order to combat or prevent overweight. In general the food should be plain with little or no frying.

The foods to be emphasized are meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cottage and American cheese, a reasonable amount of milk, enriched bread, about a slice a meal, butter or margarine, soft enriched fine grain cereals, con-

verted rice, quickly cook vegetables and simple desserts such as custards, gelatins, whips, ice cream, stewed fruit, ripe bananas, sliced oranges, grape-fruit sections and tinned fruits. Two glasses of milk a day are sufficient. This can be taken with the cereals, in coffee or tea, or used in making cream soups, creamed vegetables or in desserts the whole family can enjoy.

Breakfast could consist of orange juice, dark farina with milk, crisp bacon, a slice of enriched bread toast with butter or margarine, and coffee or tea with milk. (The same sort of meal the whole family should eat.)

Baked Potato

Lunch might consist of a baked potato, scrambled eggs, creamed chopped spinach, a baked apple and tea. (The same sort of menu you provide for your children and yourself.)

As for dinner, just follow the menu in this column. Your husband and the children and you yourself will enjoy it. And it contains the elements needed by both your toddler and the elderly persons in your home. Moreover, it is "easy to eat." The only food that should be omitted is the lettuce; but only when elderly teeth are in "poor" condition.

Plenty of fluids should be provided, as after 70 years of age is often insufficiently held in the tissues.

If the elderly appetite is flimsy, it may be necessary to provide nutritional supplements, such as a preparation of amino acids to make up protein deficiencies or vitamins and minerals may be needed. These may be obtained in combination with dry skim milk, which, of course provides protein, and which can be served as a chocolate milk drink, as a milk shake or as cocoa.

Dinner

Cream of Corn Soup
Stewed Chicken
Savoury Spoon Bread
Peach and Ginger Jam
Green Peas
Pickled Beets on Lettuce
Coffee Spongo-Gel
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Savoury Spoon Bread

In a bowl, mix together 1 c. and 2 tsp. enriched cornmeal, 1/4 c. all-purpose flour, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/4 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. margarine, 1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning and 1/4 tsp. grated onion. Then pour in 1 1/2 c. soured milk or buttermilk mixed with 1/4 c. sweet milk; stir in 1 beaten egg. In a heavy 8 in. frying pan melt 2 tsp. butter, margarine or shortening. Pour in the cornmeal mixture; over it pour an additional 1/4 c. milk but do not stir this in. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. To be a real success this should have a custard-like layer in the center. Serve hot in place of potatoes.

Coffee Spongo-Gel

Put 1 1/2 envelopes unflavoured gelatin into a cup and add 1/4 c. strong coffee beverage. Let stand 5 min. Then dissolve over hot water and stir into 1 1/2 c. additional strong coffee beverage. Sweeten with 1/2 c. granulated sugar. Add a few grains salt and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Chill until as thick as honey. Then beat 2 egg whites stiff and add to the gelatin. Whip steadily until cream coloured, using a rotary egg beater or an electric mixer. Transfer to a mould or individual custard cups, which have been rinsed in cold water. Chill until stiff, from 3 to 4 hrs. Unmould and serve with slightly sweetened plain or whipped cream.

Trick of the Chef

For a nice flavour, sweeten whipped cream with grated maple sugar.

If You've Eaten Bugs & Insects...

BERKELEY, Cal.—You've probably eaten your share of bugs and insects in fruits and salads, but don't worry about it, said Professor E. O. Essig, University of California entomologist.

In fact, Essig said, bugs are often very nourishing and have been eaten by man for thousands of years.

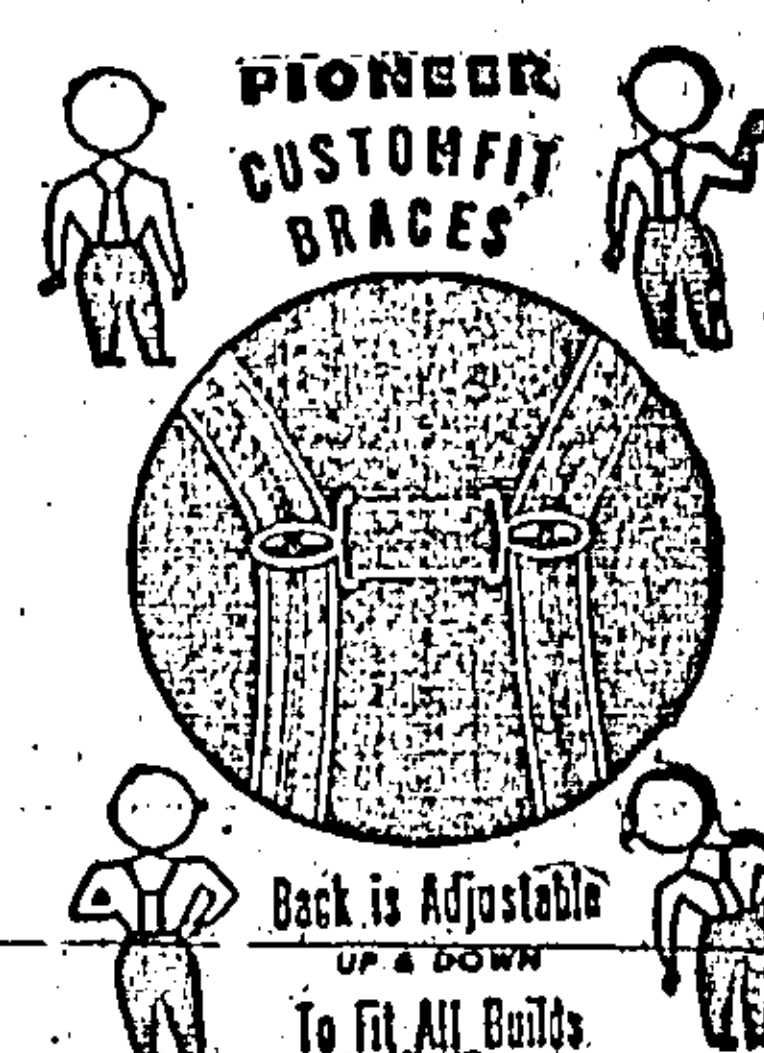
Locusts are still part of the regular diets in the Orient, Australia, Africa and the Americas. Water bugs are food in most parts of tropical Asia, and their eggs are gathered as a sort of caviar in Mexico. Certain west coast Indians, the California scientist said, had a favourite dish of ten caterpillars.

Essig said insects contain quantities of carbohydrates, fats, protein and nitrogen, but are not a reliable source of vitamins.

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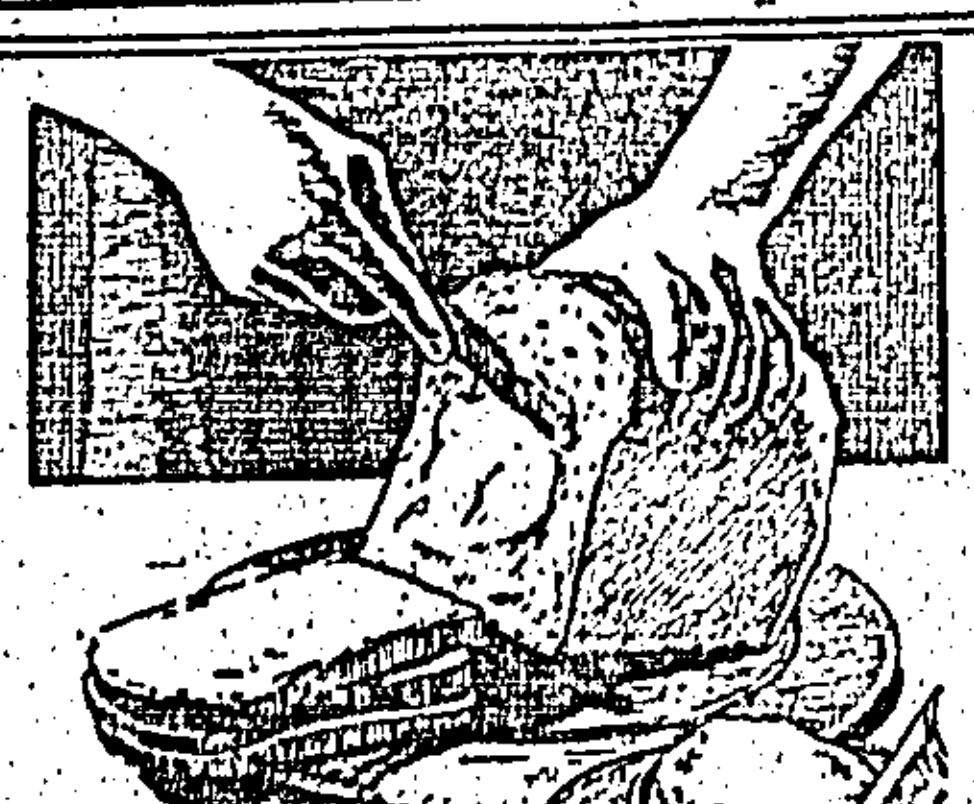


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MARGARINE



A very successful Babies Week has just been held under the auspices of the Hongkong medical authorities. Exhibits and demonstrations of modern and hygienic care of infants were held at the Harcourt Centre, Happy Valley, where the above pictures were taken. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR T. G. Strangeways and his bride, formerly Miss K. N. C. Scott, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



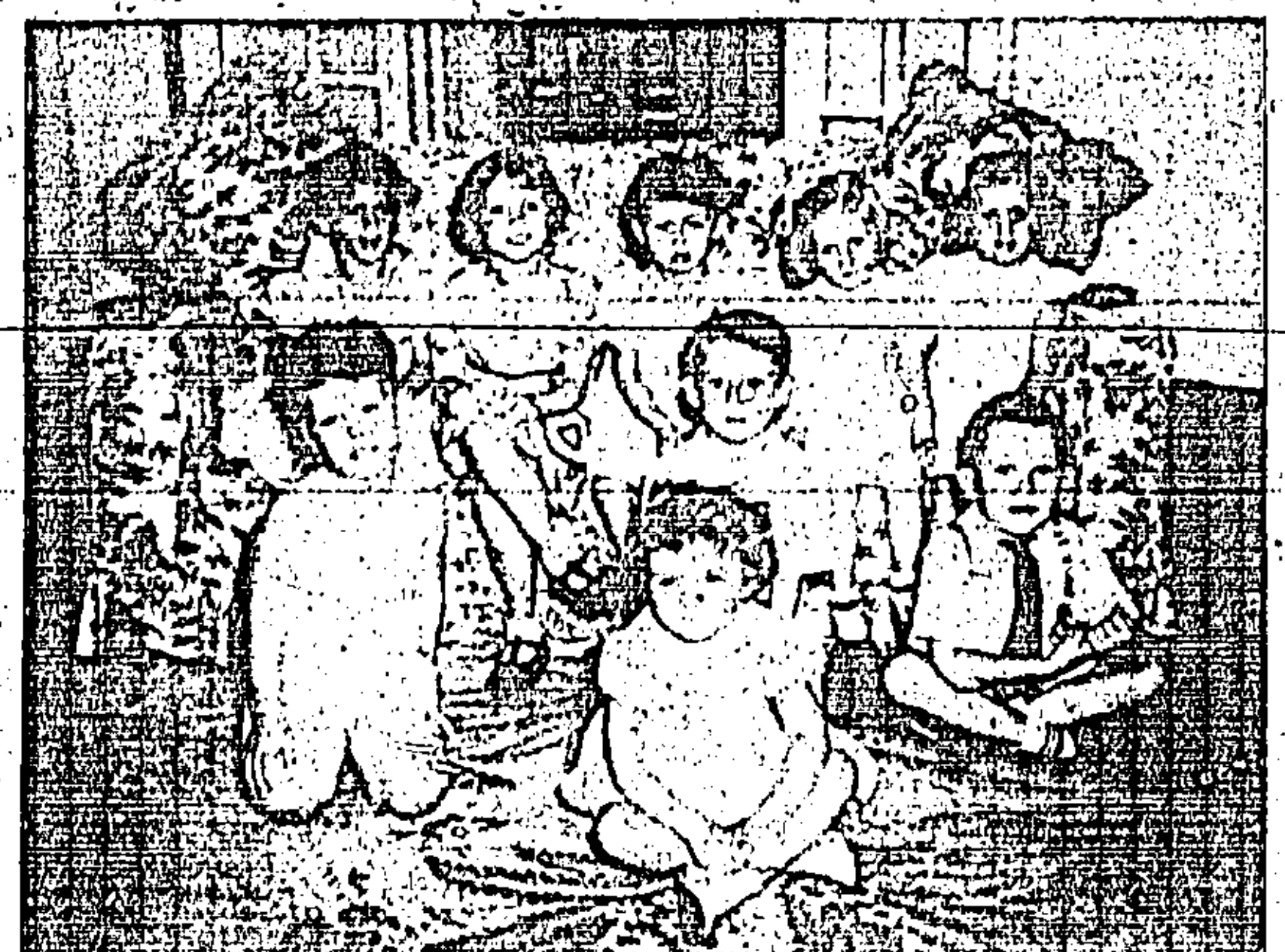
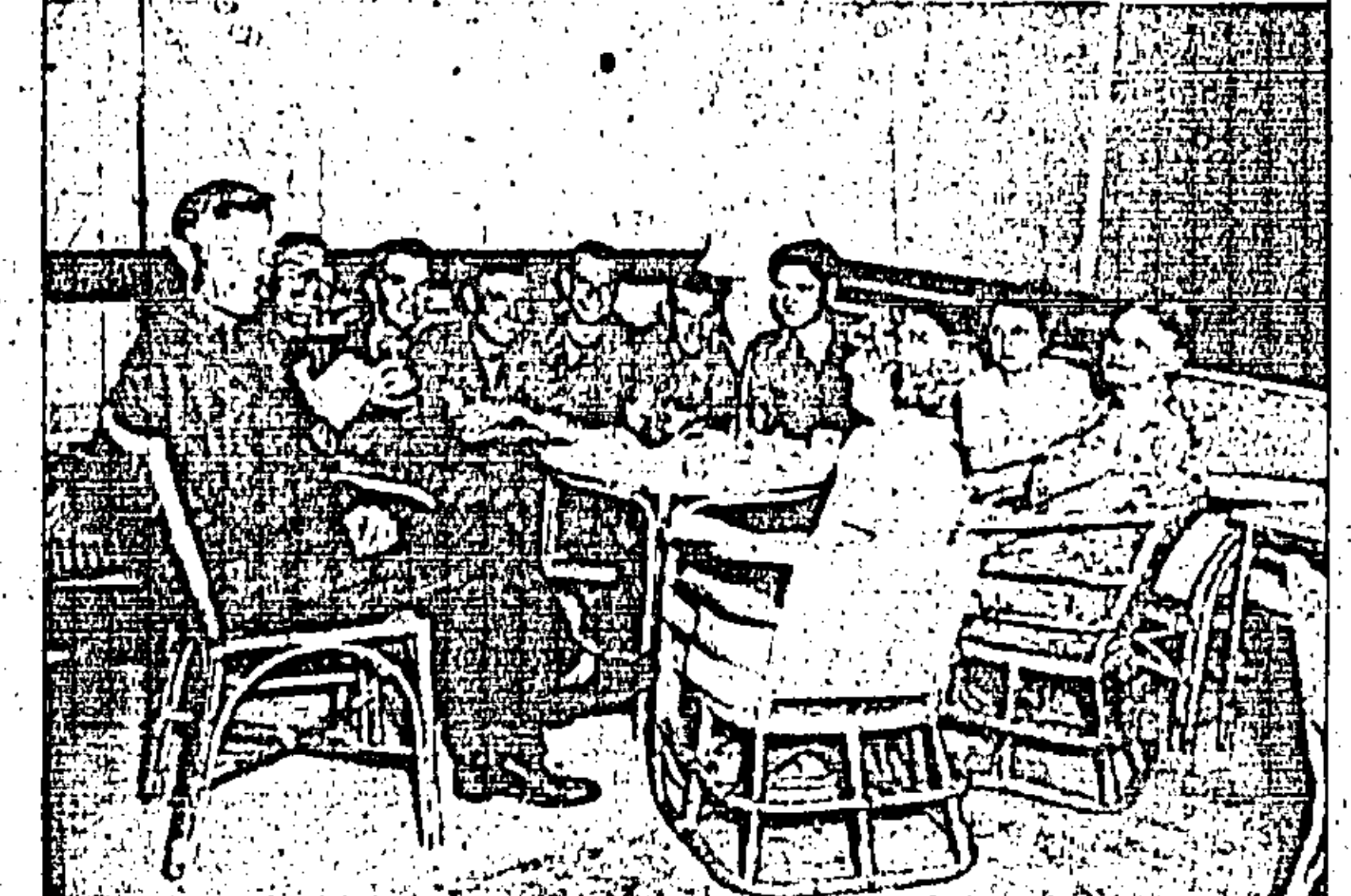
HE the Officer Administering the Government, Mr J. F. Nicoll, (second from left), greets Committee members of the Nino Dragons Club for the Forces, which he opened in Kowloon this week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



KOWLOON ladies looking after the needs of Servicemen at the opening of the Nino Dragons Club. On the right HE the Officer Administering the Government, Mr J. F. Nicoll (extreme right) has a chat with some of the soldiers who attended. Below that is a picture of another group on the same evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Michaelmas Ball held at the Hongkong Hotel last week in aid of the School for the Deaf was a rousing success. Above and below are shown two of the many parties that attended. On the left is a close-up of Miss Chow Shuen, the noted film actress, entertaining the gathering with a Chinese song. Below that, some dancers are snapped during a pause. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



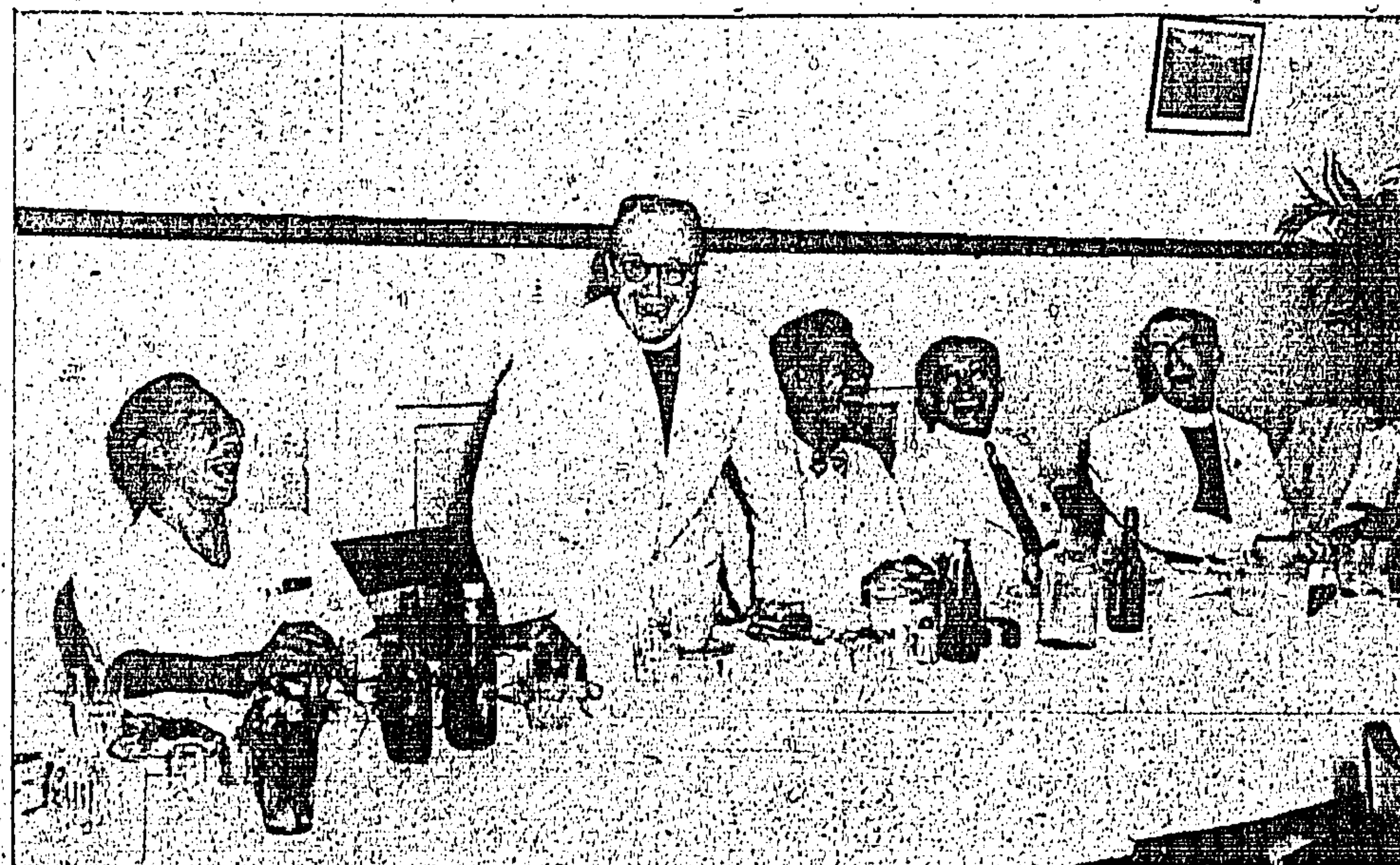
YOUNG friends of little Patricia Stevens, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Stevens, pose for their picture at her birthday party. (Ming Yuen)

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A delightful tiffin made at last week's tiffin of the Wah Yan College Past Pupils' Association, held at the Catholic Club. The Rev. Fr. T. Shoridan, SJ (standing) gave a talk on his recent tour of the United States. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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Most fantastic holiday year

In London last week two girls finished a most remarkable holiday.

PAULINE MANDER, aged 22, daughter of an industrialist, and BRIDGET ASSHETON, also 22, daughter of the Hon. Ralph Assheton, M.P., decided in April that they would hitch-hike through

by PAULINE MANDER

WITH two suitcases and three bundles, Bridget and I flew out from Johannesburg on April 15 to our jumping-off point. "Foolish," said our friends, "two girls hitch-hiking a continent."

They said we should be stranded in the Congo. At best, we should be back in a fortnight. At the worst, we might be swallowed up and never heard of again.

Into the plane we humped two topees in a hatbox, two mosquito nets—and one machine-tosh.

We dispensed with smart dresses and retained only two or three cotton frocks. "For jungle occasions."

For the same reason we each clung to one pair of pyjamas, powder, lipstick, and a pair of eyelash curlers.

25 MEN TO ONE WOMAN HERE

WE CAUSED A sensation when we landed at Salisbury, Rhodesia. There are 25 men to one woman in this town.

We spent six days touring the country free. We saw a lot of tobacco.

Major Roy Farran and Colonel David Stirling, the Western Desert war heroes, met us. They have started a new life in Rhodesia.

One of their less strenuous enterprises is the Central African News Review to promote a United States of Africa. Bridget and I promised to send contributions.

We reached Victoria Falls by train, second class. The room at the B.O.A.C. hotel cost us 30s. a night, which is hard on two tramps. We saw the falls by moonlight, and got wet through in "the forest of rain."

Next day a small boat took us down the Zambezi. Now we prepared to move into the Belgian Congo, in the very heart of the continent.

The train for Elisabethville, the Congo's most southerly town, left Victoria Falls five hours later, the native driver having gone to a dance.

And the journey proved to be more than 36 hours of slow going.

PARTY ON EDGE OF THE JUNGLE

IMAGINE OUR astonishment when a reception committee met us at Elisabethville station!

It happened that the Sabena Air Line was that evening throwing a party to open a guest house in the town. We had been expected as "two British girl journalists."

The head of the company attended the party. Women guests were very chic, European waiters served caviare, foie gras and endless cocktails.

We were saved. The drinking and the chatter went on all night and no one desired us to write a line.

Elisabethville, with its 5,000 white inhabitants, entertained us for five days.

It was an enthralling experience, like living through a scene in a Wild West film after someone strikes gold.

Buildings were rising with incredible speed, there was a great bustle of trade and nearly everybody appeared to have money.

But we had not beheld the finest jewel of the Congo, they told us, until we had seen Lake Kivu.

LIVING RIVIERA LIFE IN AFRICA

SO ON APRIL 20 we "thumbed" a lift in a freight plane which flew us nearly 600 miles deeper into the colony.

Kivu is 62 miles long, the highest lake in Africa, with a

Africa. They had no plane and they did not know the route.

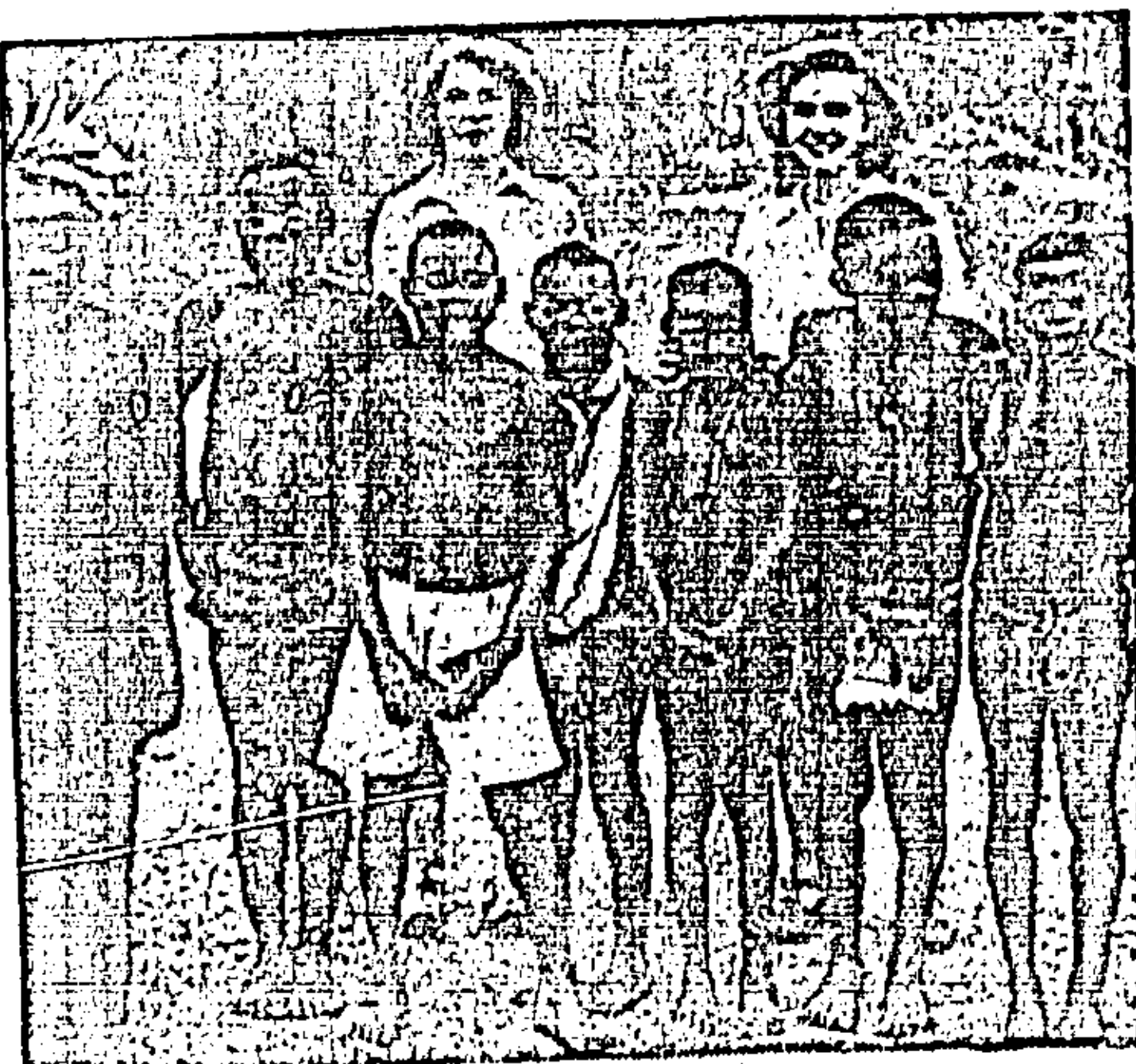
It took them four months, through desert, jungle, volcanic mountains, and tropical loveliness, through the Africa of the European and the Africa of the native—9,500 miles in all. Here is their story.

Yet the Equator is only two or three degrees away and the whites came there only a hundred years ago.

Many moneyed families fled to Kivu from Belgium when war came. Most have continued to prosper out of coffee, guano and pyrethrum (used in D.D.T.).

Noted among them is the Marquis Oswald du Chateleur, big-game hunter, Sahara explorer and reputed to be one of the richest men in the Congo.

It needed only the glamorous marquises with his fast cars and launches and his seven jungle



Pigmy parade for the two "white queens" on the jungle trail between Butembo and Stanleyville.

homes to complete our fairy tale.

Du Chateleur showed us the wonders of the Congo by water, land, and air.

OUR FRIEND CURED BY A BUFFALO

IT IS PLEASANT, indeed, being a European in the Congo. The natives appear still unspoiled and are pleased to work for the whites.

At Kisumu at the northern tip of Kivu I saw the first volcanoes glowing a deep red at night, as if to remind us of the savagery beyond.

An American took us on a big-game hunt near Mutwanga, close to the Mountains of the Moon. He shot a buffalo, but the wounded animal made a death charge and gored him in the back of the head.

With only elementary knowledge of first aid and with primitive help, we became nurses to a desperately injured man.

It became my duty to shave round the wound, six inches long and two inches wide, before a medical student at a jungle mission ten miles off attempted to stitch it with stale catgut.

We stayed with the American. Bridget driving him many miles until we found a doctor 40 miles away.

ONE OF OUR wildest thrills was to travel the 1,100-mile return journey from Stanleyville, in the Congo, along the same jungle route followed by Stanley the explorer.

We threaded through the same thick forests attacked by swarms of insects and breathing the same unhealthy humidity. But at least we had a fine sandy track to follow.

Pigmy tribes came out from the mahogany trees and danced in honour of "the two white queens."

Midnight chiefs commanded their bands to play strange music to mark our visit, and we were presented with a bow and arrow.



Pauline Mander

The third white person was Mr Temple Perkins, aged 71. He sat in a tent peering into the valley with his binoculars, waiting to shoot his third bull elephant for the year. The tusks, he told us, were worth £100 to him.

We left him waiting. When I got back to England a card reached me from Temple Perkins. He had shot his elephant.

Two British petrol salesmen took us on to Fort Portal, where their car broke down.

Here we were stranded three days at the Mountains of the Moon Hotel—12s. a day all meals included—whose telegraphic address is "Romance."

'NO POT LUCK' SAID THE CHIEF

AT KAMPALA, in Central Uganda, we were entertained to cocktails by the Kabaka (or king) of Buganda. This young Cambridge-educated chieftain talked English more perfectly than either Bridget or I.

As our talk ended the Kabaka droned in his cultured voice: "I'm very sorry I can't get you to take pot luck at dinner as we are only having native food tonight."

In Kampala we put up this notice in garages and hotels: "Two English girls require lift to Nairobi. Any offers?"

The answer came from an Italian business man working for a British firm: "I have a Rapid. Would you care to fly with me?"

THE EMPEROR TALKS TO US

WE HITCH-HIKED next to Addis Ababa on a freight plane. An Abyssinian policeman stopped us from taking photographs in the street and told us to see the Minister of Propaganda.

The Minister of Propaganda took us to see the Emperor.

Halle Selassie received us. It was the most shattering ordeal of all.

We made our way in our cotton frocks up the long hall by means of three steep curvatures.

We shook hands with the impressive, khaki-clad figure and sat down, notebook in hand. We were apparently expected to ask intelligent questions for half an hour, but never have I been struck so dumb.

I was longing to make conversation about the Emperor's little pum, raman oag, or his beautiful miniature, but speaking through an interpreter, put small talk right out of court.

The Emperor came to our rescue. He asked how we liked his country, remarked that he was fond of Britain and hoped to revisit here.

Then we made our exit, backing down the long room and bobbing half the distance. His Imperial Majesty bowed each time we bobbed, and Bridget's knees were making ghastly cracks.

Nothing that remained of our hike was more than an anti-climax to that interview.

We were spared the indignity of the Emperor seeing us take a lift in a freight plane full of raw hides in order to reach Asmara.

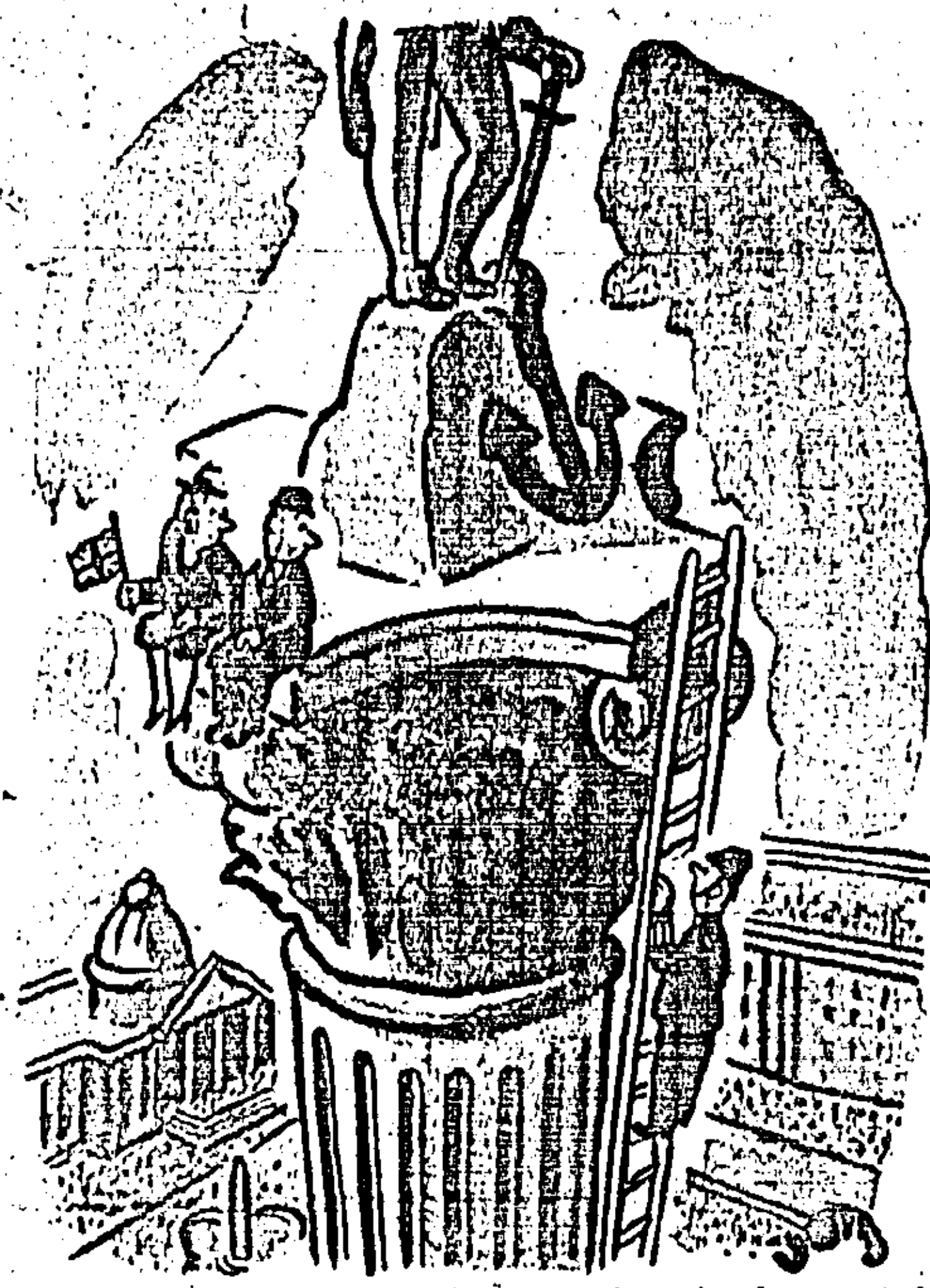
At Asmara we boarded a regular passenger plane to Cairo, for our tramping days were over.

RUDENESS OF THE EGYPTIANS

OF CAIRO I only wish to record the intense rudeness of Egyptian officials towards all Britons. We were even manhandled by the police.

After holidaying in Italy and spending time in Switzerland and Paris, I returned to my home in Notting Hill Gate a few days ago.

(London Express Service)



"But, officer, we've just paid twenty guineas for these seats to a gentleman in Charing Cross-road!"

Tip from a tight-wad

OVER a final cup of coffee the other before-dawn the head waiter at my night club got to talking about the tipping habits of present-day customers compared to the splurgers and show-offs of Jimmy Walker's day.

"I doubt whether there's been a hundred-dollar tip in this town since Prohibition," I said.

"There've been a few," said the head waiter. "Matter of fact, I heard about a guy who left a thousand-dollar tip not long ago."

"Was he a loony?"

"No," said the head waiter, "he was a retired business man. Mitkins by name, and he manufactured Roman candles until the safety laws caught up with him."

"Millionaire?"

"You'd never guess it from the way he tipped. He used to dine regularly at a restaurant on East Eighth Street, and on Mondays he'd leave a nickel, on Tuesdays a dime, and so on until Friday, when he'd shoot the works and leave a whole quarter for the waitress."

"How come the girls didn't poison him?"

"There was talk of it," said the head waiter. "Anyway, as I got the story, Mitkins came in one Monday and plopped himself down at a table which was being serviced by a girl named Emily, who'd been around the hash houses for a long time. Knowing of his tipping habits, Emily decided to wish him off on somebody else, and the logical candidate was a waitress named Judy, who hadn't been in New York very long."

"Tell ya what I'll do, kid," Emily told her, "you're new here, and I want ya to get off to a good start. I'll trade ya my station front for that no man's land of yours near the kitchen."

"Judy thanked her, and all that week took care of Mitkins—and the funny part of it was she didn't seem to mind his miserly tips."

"That Friday night, when Mitkins handed her the big quarter, Judy smiled at him as if he were Gregory Peck, and the next day—Sunday—the old cove came back to her table for meal number six. And when he left, there was a thousand-dollar bill under his water glass."

"It's exactly like I thought," Judy informed the other waitresses. "When someone likes Mr Mitkins for himself, and gives him real service, he doesn't care how much he gives away!"

"When the Roman candle king showed up the following Monday, Emily steered him to her table, and for the next five days kept inquiring if there were any dainties she could smuggle out of the kitchen for him. And on Friday when he handed her the quarter, she did everything but give him her phone number."

As a result, Mitkins came back the second Saturday in a row and again left a bill under his water glass—only this time it was a buck.

"Judy, of course, had an explanation for that one, too: 'Mr Mitkins is very observant, and he knows all along that Emily was only being nice because she was after his money.'"

"But this theory was knocked into a hamburger skillet a few nights later when Mr Mitkins walked in and demanded to see the manager."

When I checked my wallet today, he said, "I found a shortage of \$999. It appears that, on account of my near-sightedness, I left a thousand-dollar bill as a tip, thinking it was a single."

"A tip!" said Mr Mitkins. "Who goes around leaving thousand-dollar tips?"

"Diamond Jim Brady once left a \$20,000 tip," said the manager.

"Either I get my \$999," said Mitkins, "or I send for the police."

"Locking me up won't get you the money," said Judy, and anyhow—And then she explained her theory about the tip to Mr Mitkins, how she had sized him up as a man who tipped sparingly only because he had no use for people who were after his money; and how she had known all the time that, down underneath, he was a warm-hearted gentleman who would tip liberally if he thought a girl really liked him for himself.

"All this," said the head waiter, "happened two years ago, and ever since, six nights a week, Mitkins eats at one of Judy's tables and leaves her a dollar tip, but instead of a greenback, it's a receipt. And at that rate, in October 1950, the \$999 will all be paid back."

"A fitting finish for the story," I said, "would be for the old gent to die and, as a final tip, leave her every buck he had in the world."

"You'll probably write it that way," said my head waiter, "but the waitresses on East Eighth Street will bet you anything you want that in November 1950, Mr Mitkins will go back to his custom of tipping a nickel on Monday, a dime on Tuesday, and so forth."

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OPENING OF SOFTBALL SEASON TOMORROW

By "STARDUST"

October. Pennant fluttering in the breeze. Crowds in eager anticipation. Pomp and ceremony. The traditional parade of competing teams. The Praxys' inaugural pep talk. Dignitaries unlimbering their arms. "Play Ball!"

Another softball pennant campaign will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon at the fence-enclosed CBA ball park when the American Consul-General Mr. Karl L. Rankin, will perform the traditional function of tossing out the first ball to launch the 1949/50 flag chase.

All the fanfare and pomp associated with Opening Day in the Colony's thriving pastime will go towards making this august occasion an unprecedented success in the hoary annals of local softball.

Softball fans will converge in droves on the velvety CBA ball field, Mecca of softball fame and fortune, to lend their plaudits and brickbats to the festive day.

The 34 competing teams will be on hand resplendently attired in their colourful diamond livery for the big parade. The championship squads of last year have been accorded the honour of leading the march with the other contingents following behind in alphabetical sequence.

Team managers are solicited to give their earnest co-operation to see that their teams are on the field and ready for the march at 2.15 p.m.

The local Musicians' Union will send an orchestra to provide music befitting the occasion. A large number of local dignitaries have been invited to grace the function by their presence.

TOPPING ALL NEWS
Topping all news of the preparations now in progress for Sunday's grand opening, the Softball Association proudly announced on Wednesday that, by joint permission of the Central British Association and the Education Department, the CBA will provide a special ground for the opening games on Saturday afternoon and full Sundays, thereby alleviating the shortage of grounds which faced the Softball Committee some weeks ago.

Bouquets of thanks go to the Central British Association and the Education Department for the loan of their spacious ground for the season. The gesture was made at a most opportune time and is deeply appreciated by the Association and all its members.

Sparked by the unparalleled pageantry of the traditional parade, Consul-General Karl L. Rankin will trot out on the first pitch to send a titanic month-long softball season on its merry way.

President "Doc" Molthen, as usual, will call "Play Ball!" in his raucous holler after the first pitch has been tossed out. Doc's two words when uttered will be sweet music to countless numbers of eager softball partisans.

Taking the arena for the inaugural tilt are the United States Navy, represented by the gobs from the USS Gardiners Bay, and the Hong Kong Pandas, comprised of Shanghai landers.

Brains, brawn, experience, and speed will be thrown into the melting pot of diamond competition in the title as the two squads battle for the singular honour of grabbing the Opening Day spotlight.

READY TO START
The Hong Kong Pandas are ready to start their campaigning tomorrow afternoon. Mentor Y.C. Mei has had several workouts recently and is quite confident that his boys will not disappoint. The Pandas are formed around several star players of a team of the same name which copped the Shanghai Softball League title last season.

Wally Ma, who joined the pennant-winning Canucks late last season, is skipper of the nine. The Pandas are reported to have three pitchers in the team, and as pitching forms almost eighty percent of a team's strength, they should be strong in this department of the game.

They are also reputed to be fancy fielders and quite capable of the squeeze play in which runs are forced in on bunting plays.

The Panda roster consists of 15 players. With Y. C. Mei as Manager, the team will include Curly Chao, Walter Chen, C. T. Cheng, Freddie Holt, Wally Ma, Kenneth Tang, Raymond Tsao, Hannibal Wei, Johnny Wei, Tom Wei, Warren Wong, Y. F. Yin, David Xuan, and Paul Wong.

Veteran C. C. Lee, who played topflight baseball several years back for the South China nine, is coach of the team. Lee's ball sense and experience should

have a steady effect on his Pandas.

KEEN SQUAD
The USS Gardiners Bay have a keen softball squad. Chief Bosun E. Hale, Athletic Officer of the ship, is in charge of the gang, with W. F. Folowell as field captain.

Nothing much is known about the Navy's line-up for tomorrow's tussle but you can bet your last dollar that they will be in there battling away for a victory.

The Gardiners Bay have played several games against local sides during their stay in port. They have crushed Blas Despa's Cumbancheros several times. One of their most convincing wins was a 15-4 walloping of the Cumbancheros several weeks ago.

The Navy-Panda clash should develop into a real hot tussle if both teams hit for the fences and play heads up ball. The two outfits are quite evenly matched but any thing can happen in a ball game.

NEW COUNCIL
The first meeting of the newly elected General Council of the Hong Kong Softball Association was held last week. The General Council with its sub-committees is formed of the following individuals: General Council: F. J. Molthen—President; Jim Shepherd, Vice-President; F. W. Hollands, Secretary; Philo Remedios, Treasurer; Senior League representatives: Dick Chung (Chung Hwa), W. F. Folowell (US Navy), and Chas. Figueiredo (Braves).

Junior League representatives—Gerard O. Jones (Aces) and Rennie Sequeira (Blackhawks). Ladies' League representatives—Miss Alice Mar (Canadians) and Hal Wing Lee (Wahoos).

Management Committee: Hal Wing Lee (Chairman), Grounds and Equipment Committee: Philo Remedios (Chairman), Blm Abiong and Bill Silva. Umpire-in-Chief: E. Don Robbins. "Doc" Molthen will act pro tem pending the return of Robbins to the Colony late this month. Scorers-in-Chief: Philo Remedios and Hal Wing Lee.

The General Council have decided to play the Senior League on a one-round basis each team playing a total of 14 games with the four best teams contesting for the title in a series of play-off games. The Junior League, consisting of 9 teams, will play two rounds. Both the Ladies' Senior and Ladies' League will play three rounds.

An attendance of seven members out of 11 would constitute a quorum at all General Council meetings. Meetings will be held at least once a month.

The General Council also adopted in full the bye-laws of the Association as drafted by the Working Council. The bye-laws provide for postponements, umpires, uniforms, scorers, brackets of the rules, and other incidental items connected with the game.

No game will in future be postponed unless 72 hours' notice in writing has been submitted to the Management Committee. A severe penalty was laid down for a player signing for two teams under different names.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME
The full programme, with umpire roster, for tomorrow's Opening Game follows:
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3.15 p.m.—Opening Game—Senior League:
US Navy—v—Pandas.
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England's Soccer Selectors Have A "Cover" Plan
BY JOHN MACADAM

It appears to this simple mind that if all the hysteria that is being evinced currently about the play of the various pets of one selective mind and another could be turned into football, they could send us that World Soccer Cup now and save all the expense and trouble.

Now, what does it all boil down to? Saturday after Saturday, in the recent weeks, we have encountered less-aging, ageing, and aged members of the FA Selection Committee on their ways to and from one match and another with no other objective than to watch players of the approximate class.

British football fans can be assured that the names of the 22 players who are likely to accompany each of the two U.K. countries left in to compete in the final at Rio will not be drawn out of anybody's battered bowler hat.

These players will be the select of their countries. They will travel together as a party. They will train together and against each other, and they will not be picked in the final side on "pet" value or any other but sheer football value.

IN RESERVE
One eleven will be reserve to another, of course, but let a first-pick go bang out of form around the day-as Johnny Morris apparently did in the Elre match—and his covering man will be bang into his strip.

We have had a lot of talk with Britain's Soccer leaders recently on the matter, and you may be certain that they are tiding no sentimental views of this series of matches. They are out to win, and they will try to win with current form players in class Soccer.

So, despite the Elre match,

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootten



Spare A Copper For British Athletics

BY FRANK BUTLER

Spare a copper for British athletics. Any tattered shorts, torn slips, worn running shoes will be welcome to a sport which appears to be without visible means of support. Waste not, want not.

This is the sad story of our effort to send 18 English athletes to New Zealand to take part in the British Empire Games from February 4 to 11.

First our athletics turned to professional football to raise some of the £20,000 needed with a five-a-side tournament. But the footballers called the show off on the ground that if any money was to be raised by football what about the footballers themselves?

Now the Appeals Committee for the Empire Games Fund have asked the governing body of each sport competing to invite all affiliated members to donate £5 to the cause.

And that's not all. Our old friends Jack Hylton and Bill Liddle for their part as good sportsmen, but we ask: What is English sport coming to when we are dependent on the Italian star of song to work his larynx so that we can afford to send a team to compete in the Games of our British Empire?

Couldn't the Government have lent a hand to help hide our shame? Couldn't the AAA last summer have organised sufficient events to raise the money so that England should not have to come to the level of a beggar? How can we ever hope to compete with the Americans at sport—or, the rest of Europe?

I am sick of our having to play the role of Urish Hoop in order to send an England team to take part in the only British Empire sports gathering.

PATIENT LEE
They gave a farewell party the other night to the most patient pugilist ever born—Lee Savold, the American who came here last May to fight Bruce Woodcock in September, only to have Woodcock (after a road accident) call the fight off until May 1950, and then receive a second blow from Sir Stafford Cripps when the 2 was devalued.

Although Lee and his manager, Billy Daly, are £2,000 out of pocket, and have lost 100,000 dollars for fights in America, plus the loss of £20,000 at the old rate for the Woodcock fight that never came off, they have not a bad word to say against England.

Daly turned down 65,000 dollars for Savold to fight Joey Maxim in America last May. And when Woodcock crashed the American promoters forecast that Lee would never get Woodcock in the ring with him and phoned him with tempting offers of 100,000 dollars to tackle Ezzard Charles. But he still stuck by Jack Solomons.

There has never been a more gentlemanly boxer than Lee Savold. There has never been a fight manager so full of good faith as Billy Daly. They're coming back to carry out their part of the bargain in spite of everything.

That is why there will always be a warm welcome waiting for Savold and Daly, who have played the game to fans in Britain.

SCOTT OUT
Laurie Scott, Arsenal's international back, wasted little time after being discharged from hospital following an operation on his right knee. With Alf Fields, the centre half, discharged at the same time, Scott went straight to Highbury for remedial exercises, and Tom Whitaker "hopes to have both players on the track soon."

The Arsenal manager described the operation on Scott as "wonderful," and reckons he may be fit for the first team within two months. Nice work for Laurie, who three weeks ago feared his playing days were over.

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Good Programme In Holiday Football
By "UNOMI"

On Monday, the Double Tenth Holiday, the first really big game of the season will take place at Caroline Hill, when a combined Chinese eleven opposes a strong Rest of the Colony team. This game will be ideal for comparing the standard of the Chinese players with the Europeans, especially the new players to the Colony, many of whom will participate in this game.

The Rest team has been well chosen and has some fine players in it. Fairbrother has been showing fine form in the Army goal and was an automatic choice.

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Today's Chances At The Valley

By "THE TURF"

The Kwangtung Handicap is the feature event for the two day's Double Tenth Race Meeting, which will be held this afternoon and on Monday.

At the time of writing the Special Sweep for the Kwangtung Handicap had reached well over the 1,800,000 mark and the first prize will be approximately eight and a half lakhs.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., today, while on Monday the first bell will be at 11.30 a.m.

Here are the chances:

FIRST RACE

The first race is a sprint over half a mile and 170 yards confined to Class 9 ponies. Betty Lou (155 lbs) which has two thirds to its credit this season has an edge over the others and should be able to win this race. Big Bluff (145 lbs), Mahubay (152 lbs), Bar (154 lbs) and Suro Shot (146 lbs) are evenly matched and can be relied on to be well up at the finish.

SECOND RACE

Great interest will be shown in this race event, the Kwangtung Handicap, for Class 4 ponies over the mile. Empress Delight (152 lbs) which ran third to Lucky Jane at the Lantao Handicap over the mile and 171 yards, should be the favourite here to win this important event.

Strong opposition is sure to come from Ringmaster (148 lbs), Poker Face (147 lbs), Popularity (147 lbs), Route d'Or (155 lbs), Oakland Bridge (159 lbs), Easy-going (142 lbs), Sportmaster (147 lbs), Canadian Potato (143 lbs) and Thunder Sky (150 lbs). All of these ponies have a win to their credit over this same distance.

THIRD RACE

In this event for Class 9 ponies, a good race is expected. Airfield (154 lbs), Bullerina (150 lbs) and Sharpshooter (155 lbs) are the best among the entries and a win is likely to come from any one.

The hopeful, with only 135 lbs to shoulder and if given a runaway start it will have a good chance of causing an upset.

FOURTH RACE

The best two in this race for Class 7 ponies are Good News (150 lbs) and Green Velvet (154 lbs), but they will have to be at their best to play off the challenge from Jetfire (150 lbs), National Guard (159 lbs), Pacue (150 lbs) and Sapientia (148 lbs). The last named is in good form at the moment and may have a chance of springing an upset.

FIFTH RACE

Shangri-la (155 lbs) after having two consecutive wins over this same distance, one at the Easter Meeting and the other at the Fifth-Race Meeting, from Class 9 to 8, has now been promoted to Class 7 (3rd Section).

It still has a bright chance of winning again, for this mare has to race in a good time of 1.21 over this distance, carrying 150 lbs.

SIXTH RACE

This is the first section of the race for Class 2 ponies (1st section) and on looking over the entries I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the winner will come from Home Builder (151 lbs), Lily (145 lbs),

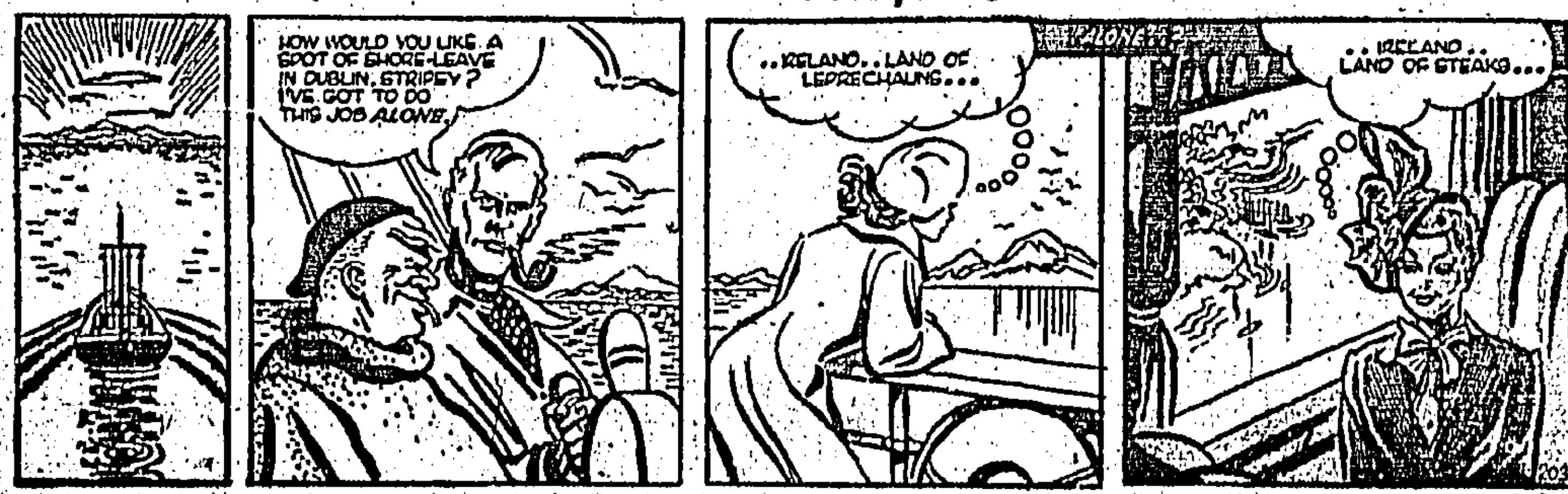
and Masterpiece.

TENTH RACE

The closing race of the afternoon is confined to Class 3 ponies (3rd-section) and a tussle for the major part is likely to be among Big Shot (152 lbs), Fairy Feet (158 lbs), Lucky Jane (151 lbs), Minx (153 lbs), Pegasus (140 lbs) and Shun Fung (159 lbs).

Pegasus, which won at the sixth Race Meeting, should have every opportunity of scoring another win, for this pony is very fast at the starting gate.

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A Discussion On FEAR...

IN a private house recently, there was a heated discussion about the consequences of the Russian discovery of the atom-bomb. An old man was a silent member of the party. One of his children asked him why he had nothing to say. Then he told this story.

TWO men died and went to Heaven, sharing the same cloud on the journey. Both were afraid; wondering what was to come. When they arrived at the gates of Heaven Peter was waiting for them. He saw their fear, so he asked them: "Why are you afraid? Have you no understanding of fear?"

"We do not know," said the two men.

"Then I will help you," said Peter. "Look upon this and tell me if you find it fearful. And, by a miracle, he showed them the unfolding of a mighty force. It was indeed terrifying.

"That has killed many," said Peter. "Perhaps it will kill many more. They are playing with it now upon Earth. Tell me, are you afraid of it?"

"Yes," said the two men. Peter nodded and held out his hand. Then what of this? he asked. In his palm was a human heart, small and shapeless.

After some hesitation the first man replied: That does not terrify me, for it is only a

heart. It is a familiar part of myself."

Peter nodded again. "Yes, it is only a part of you," he said. Then he turned to the second man: "What do you think of it?"

This man looked at the heart for a long time and sought for understanding. Finally he said: "I am more afraid of that than of the other. For the other was born out of it. Yes, that is indeed the most fearful."

Peter smiled, and looked at the heart lying in his palm. Then he looked up again: "Now tell me what is the greatest fear of all?"

The two men stared at each other. There was a long pause. One said "my fear of him, and his fear of me." The other nodded. So did Peter, as he put the heart away and turned to open the gates. "That fear has no place in here," he said.

"I did not take part in your discussion," said the old man, "because it seemed to me that you were arguing about the symptom, not the cause."

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IN DARKEST PARIS

THE POOR GIRL. Maxence Van der Meersch. (Pilot Press, 12s. 6d.). 319 pages.

POVERTY, real poverty, is an ugly subject. Every one of us, if we were only poor enough, would become dirty and sordid. It is rare to find a pure heart or a noble character even in good surroundings; on the rock bottom of poverty I should judge it to be impossible.

One of the mysteries of art is that it can invest ugly, even sordid and repellent, subjects with a kind of beauty—not at all by gilding them over, but by means of that poetic truth which moves us profoundly and at the end leaves us satisfied. Nobody can quite say how it is done but on the highest level of art ugliness does become beauty, and we perceive depths and aspects hidden from us before.

The author of The Poor Girl has set himself to tell the story of poverty in the slums of Paris without any sentimentality or gloss, and with none of the horrible details left out. He has done this with honesty and seriousness, but not—unless the magic has escaped in translation, which is not impossible, since much of the English dialogue is singularly inept—not with art. One is left at the end, not with that feeling of melancholy pleasure which a work of art on a tragic theme produces, but as if one's nose had been gently but relentlessly rubbed in the mud.

Since M. Van der Meersch cannot give us great art, perhaps this quiet, patient, well-measured nose-rubbing is the next best thing that can be done with the subject. Certainly one closes the book with the smells and noises of slum life very vividly present to the senses, and that is a wholesome experience for anyone who has regular meals and sleeps between clean sheets. The story is a fully minute account of the childhood and adolescence of Denise, the eldest and illegitimate child of a shiftless couple in a poor industrial quarter of Paris 30 years ago. The mother already has a bastard by another man when she is born, and the baby girl is accordingly sent to the work-house.

AN HONEST WRITER EXPLORES THE SLUMS —BUT ARE THE PEOPLE REALLY LIKE THAT?

by Margaret Lane

However, when the parents set up house permanently together the father insists on his own child being brought home, and the little boy, who is not his, being sent away instead. This produces such a resentment in the mother that she treats Denise from first to last with unexampled brutality.

The father dies of tuberculosis; a "stepfather" moves in, and Denise is the half-starved and beaten household drudge until she is old enough to sell papers in the streets and eventually work for a pittance in a factory.

Her sufferings as a child, the nastiness she experiences in adolescence are without limit; indeed, I sometimes got the feeling that the author, before beginning the book, had made himself a long list headed, "POVERTY, horrors of," and was conscientiously working his way through it, from top to bottom.

Yet Denise retains a surprising sweetness of character (would she really have done so?) and we are even told at the end, after a long history of semi-starvation and ill-health, that she has "kept her looks."

I think it unlikely that she would have kept either the one or the other.

Nor do I believe that she could have gone on loving her mother, the coarse and brutal woman who treated her with ferocious cruelty in childhood and repaid the young girl's devoted service with ingratitude and abuse.

The only sign of affection she ever gives her daughter is to say, after much grumbling, "Still, I'm glad I had you, my girl!"—and this on her death-bed, after months of back-breaking nursing by Denise. "So I did have my mother's affection for a few days, some short, fleeting days before her agony and death, just enough to compensate, to repay magnificently, for the sacrifice of my youth."

But the author departs from his realism here. Such treatment does not produce undying love in a daughter, but abnormality and hate.

JULIAN'S WAY. John Brophy. (Collins, 10s. 6d.). 384 pp.

ONE should, I am sure, be grateful for a novel which offers an interesting and unusual background, even if the story and characterization are no great shakes.

The setting of this one is present-day Palestine, and the reader gets a sort of conducted tour round that difficult country which is instructive and enjoyable.

Interesting, too, that they are peopled only by fanatical adolescents. As soon as the young men and girls reach their twenties they leave for the towns, and the problem of keeping the communal settlements populated is something Zionists do not care to talk about.

All this is well done, but the story of a British officer gradually coming closer to God in Palestine, and falling in love with a Jewish girl, gave me no feeling of sincerity.

One gets the impression that the religious theme is dragged in because such things are in the air nowadays; and as for the Grail-Jewish love affair (which has such fertile possibilities) Mr Brophy shamelessly funks it, making his heroine suddenly reveal towards the end that she has not a drop of Jewish blood in her veins. I was quite shocked.

THE COTTAGE IN THE FOREST. Hugh Farmer (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.). 191 pp.

THIS author, civil servant by profession, countryman and ornithologist by preference, has done what many people would like to do and some have already done—written a book about the cottage which is one of the loves of his life.

It is a romantic book, very different in tone from those of his more humorous accounts of reclaiming derelict farms which are so popular with the townsman. It is more like notes on a prolonged love affair with the woods.

Mr Farmer is a quiet man, in no hurry; he has found time really to listen to the nightingales, to observe that "their voices continually lure one into thinking that something supreme, as yet unheard in the world, is about to break on one's ears; only to cease suddenly and leave the listener suspended as by a tenuous thread of beauty."

He is a gardener of feeling, who understands sentimental planting, and enjoys his cypresses all the better (as who would not?) because they were "grown by Uncle William from seed from a cone picked up by him in the Garden of Gethsemane." And he has some excellent suggestions to make about "wild gardening"—to which I rather ruefully agree, we must all come.

The book is beautifully illustrated, chiefly by superb examples of Eric Hosking's wonderful bird photography.

LIBRARY LIST

THERE WAS A LAD. Hilton Brown. (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.). A lively attempt to create Robert Burns legends—the sentimental addition of the Scots as well as the disappearing legend which represents him as never content and never sober.

THE NEW YORK. Harold Nicolson. (Constable, 10s.). A release of a first-class biographical and literary study written 16 years ago and now very timely with Tennessee's recent return from his posthumous decline in his political reputation.

THE SKELETON IN THE CLOCK. Carter Dickson. (Hutchinson, 9s. 6d.). An exciting detective story which maintains its suspense and its secret to the end.

THE CHINESE THEATRE. Jack Chen. (Dobson, 7s. 6d.). A theatre so different from ours as the Chinese needs to be seen as a God and a saint (for the West) and a simple interpreter, which this attractive little book provides. It is very interesting in the theatre will find it rewarding.

(London Express Service.)

The Fierce, Fiery Fighting O'Briens

By JOHN GODLEY

FOR a thousand years, since the days of Brian Boromhe (pronounced Boru), Monarch of Ireland, of the fighting O'Brien family has battled its way through the centuries.

Its story, written by the Hon. Donough O'Brien, uncle of the present Lord Inchiquin, and a direct descendant of Brian, has just been published.

Slain in 1014

From the great Brian Boromhe, slain with a battleaxe in 1014, are descended the tens of thousands of O'Briens all over the world.

The Fobble O'Briens and the Carrigullen O'Briens;

Gaoled, hanged

They have fought and battled and slain. They've been convicted of treason and rebellion.

They have been imprisoned and escaped; they've been beheaded, murdered, and once even hanged by mistake.

Honours have been rained upon them, and they've usually won their battles. Brian Boromhe started the ball rolling. Born in 820, King of Munster, King of Thomond, Monarch of Ireland, he never stopped fighting.

In 877, on Satterly Island in the Shannon, he slew 800 Danes including their commander, the son of King Harold, and his two sons.

Then he visited all the Shannon islands, killing or imprisoning all who had opposed him. Brian started the business of rurnames. He had so many relations that it began to get confusing.

His sons

He called his own sons O'Brien (descendants of Brian); his brother's son MacMahon (descendants of Mahon)—and so on.

From 1222, for over 300 years, the O'Brien chiefs were styled Kings of Thomond, Earl of Munster, O'Brien, and so on. In 1543, Henry VIII, in return, Henry made him Earl of Thomond and Baron Inchiquin.

The earldom died out in 1774, but the barony is still held by the present Lord Inchiquin, the sixteenth baron, now living at Dromoland Castle, County Clare.

The History of The O'Briens (from 1000 to 1945) by the Hon. Donough O'Brien (Batsford, 30s.).

(London Express Service.)

DAD AND FLOURDER

—by WALTER



VIGNETTES OF LIFE



"Television"

BY KEMP STARRETT



The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



PUZZLES



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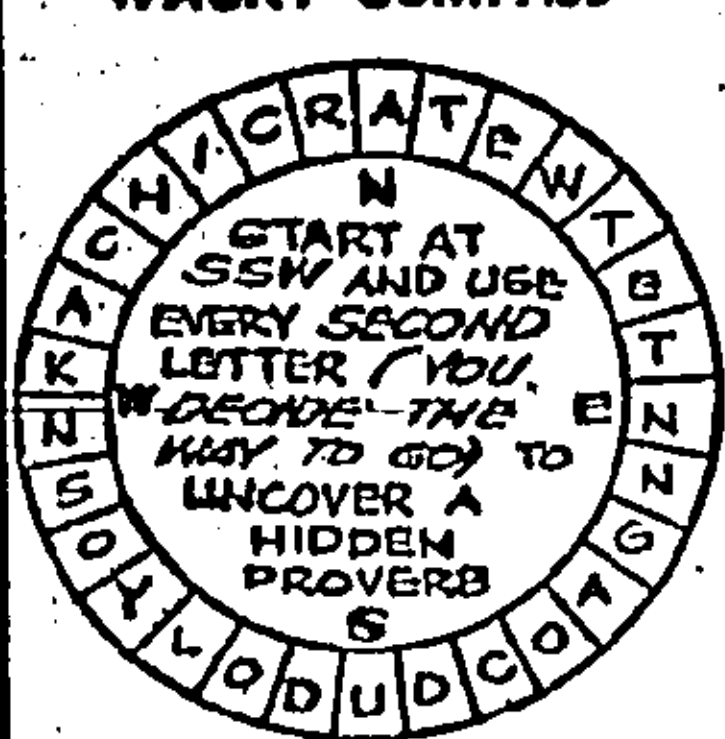
GAMES



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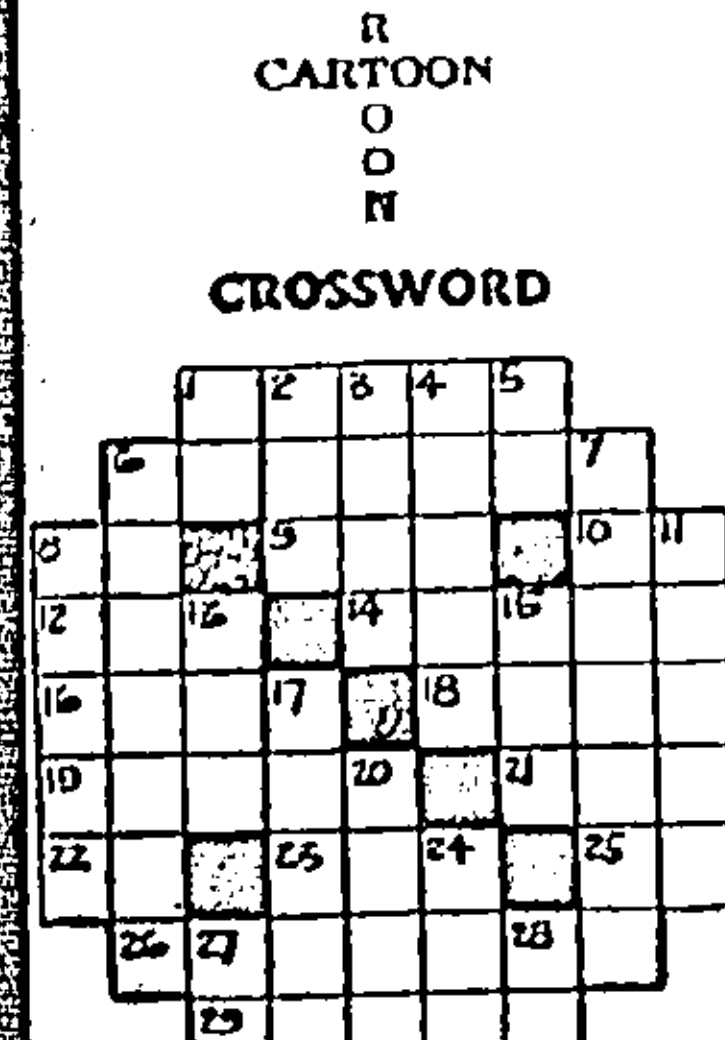
HOMONYM

Missing words in this sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently, so you will find it easy to fill them in:
A poster was placed on the— to show where the—would be taken.

Diamond

Today's diamond centres on a CARTOON. The second word is a golf term, the third "Persian" and the fifth "mob" disturbance, and the sixth "a dis-rees signal."

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Harem
 - Sorry respect
 - Missouri (ab.)
 - Compass point
 - Written form of Mister
 - Girl's name
 - Russian storehouse
 - Lairs
 - City in Oklahoma
 - Feminine name
 - Constellation
 - Mountain (ab.)
 - S-shaped worm
 - Hunt on cm
 - Thoroughfare
 - Make into law
- DOWN**
- Southeast (ab.)
 - German river
 - Flower
 - Thugged mountain crest
 - Exalt
 - Rite
 - Domains
 - Courtly title
 - Fertilization
 - Blackbird of the cuckoo family
 - Collection of sayings
 - Nautical term
 - On the ocean
 - Dry, as wine
 - Total expenses (ab.)
 - Size of shot

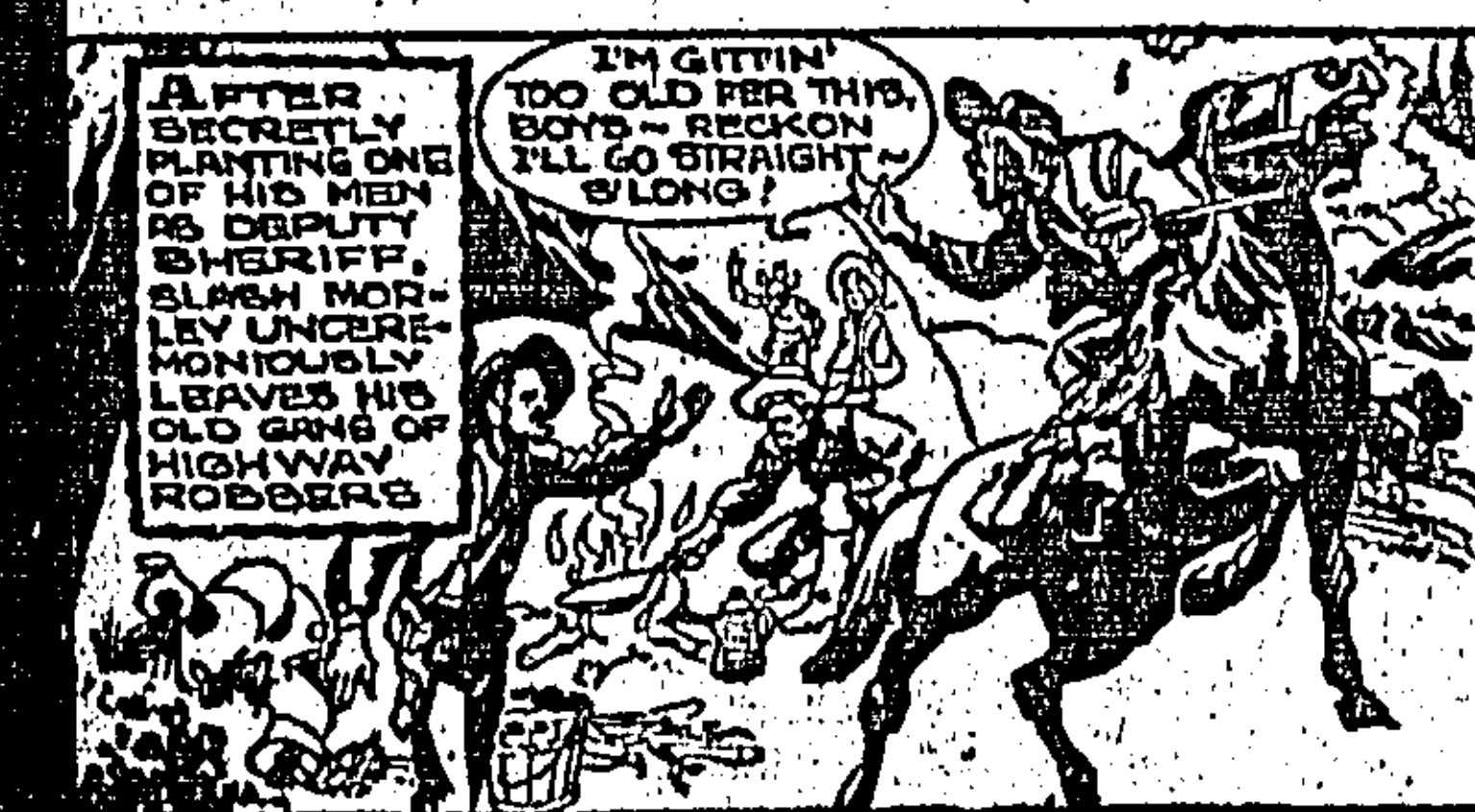
Rupert's Querc Path—60



After watching the comers and tingers out of sight Rupert runs back and finds his mother standing on the cross path. "I thought I heard voices so I came out to see what was happening," she says. "This is the first time I've really seen you so beautiful." Rupert laughs gleefully. "It's lucky for you that you weren't here before!" he cries. "You would have dropped right through two Crabs. And just to tell you I don't come on indoors, wait my tea and I'll tell you all about it."

THE END.
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(Another new adventure on Tuesday).

BRONCHO BILL



Smoke Signal

By Harry F. O'Neill



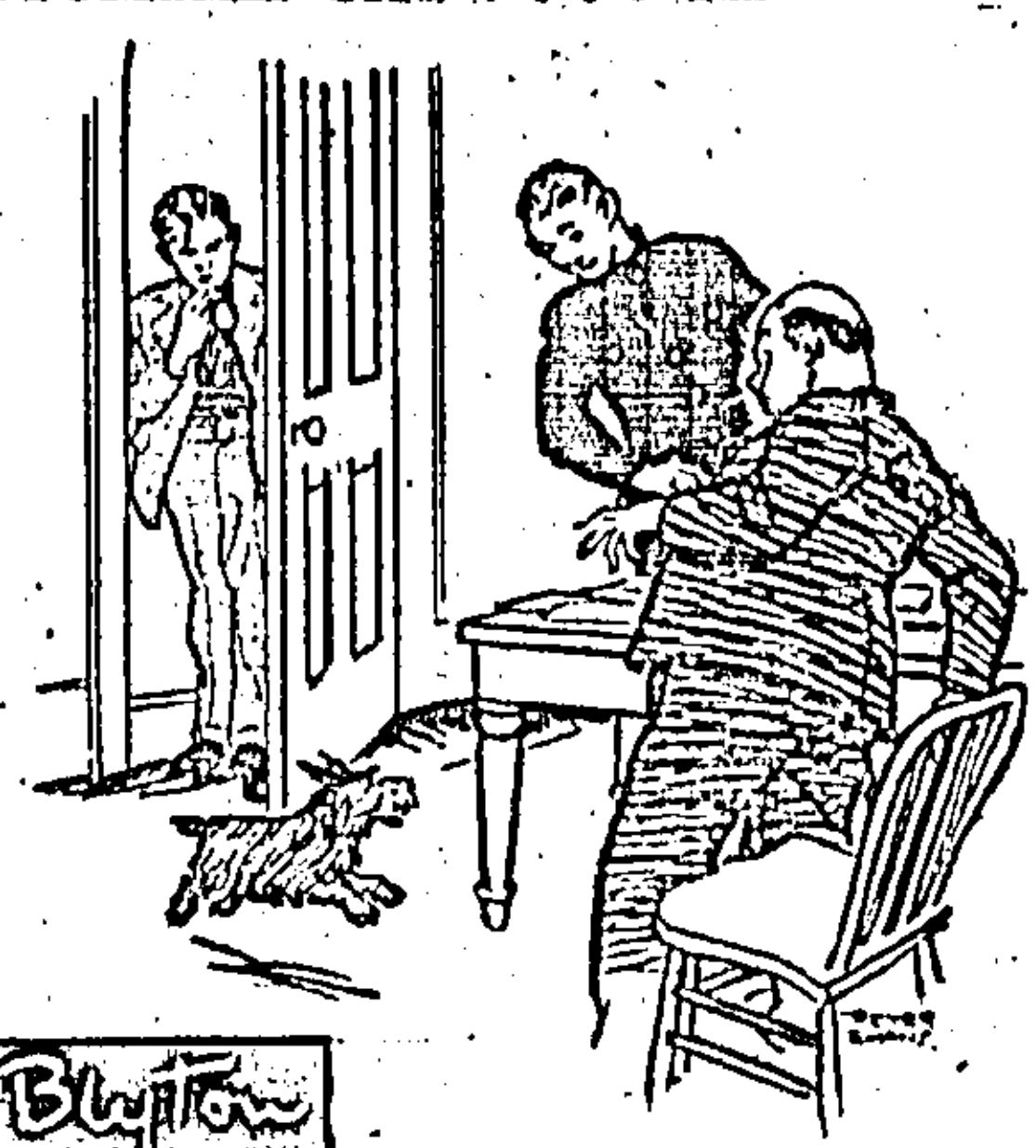
MYSTERY OF THE PANTOMIME CAT . . . THE CHILDREN'S SERIAL

* The Five Find-Outers plant clues at the Little Theatre to lure Pippin. The trail of a false mystery. But Pippin stumbles on a real crime. He sees an injured man, an open safe.

WHO ROBBED THE SAFE?

THE five children knew nothing about Pippin's exciting night, of course. Pip and Beta were asleep in bed when he smashed the window at the back of the Little Theatre, and Larry and Daisy had been told they could listen to the nine o'clock news, and then go to bed. Fatty had been in his room trying out a wonderful new Aid to Disguise—little pads to put inside the cheeks and make them fat.

by *Gwend Blunt*



"Aha! That was the voice of his old enemy."

Fatty's relief he went on reading his newspaper. "I'll ring up the dentist immediately after breakfast," said Fatty's mother. In desperation Fatty put his hands to his mouth and removed the two cheek-pads. But instead of being pleased that his cheeks were now no longer swollen his mother cried out in disgust. "Frederick! How can you behave like that! Removing food from your mouth with your fingers! What is the matter with you this morning? You'd better leave the table."

Before Fatty could explain about the cheek-pads, his father gave an exclamation. "Well, well! Listen to this in the paper."

"Last night it was disclosed that the manager of the Little Theatre, in Peterwood, Bucks, was found drugged in his office, and the safe in the wall behind him was open, the contents having been stolen. The police already have one suspect in their hands."

Fatty was so astounded to hear this that he absent-mindedly put his cheek-pads into his mouth thinking they were bits of bread and began to chew them.

He simply couldn't believe the news. Why he and the others had actually been hanging round the Little Theatre half the evening, and they had seen nothing at all—except the Pantomime Cat!

"Could I see the piece, Dad?" asked Fatty, wondering why the bread in his mouth was so tough.

He suddenly realised that it wasn't bread—ugh, how horrible, he had been chewing his cheek-pads! And now he didn't dare to remove them again in case his mother accused him of disgusting manners once more. It was very awkward.

"Don't talk with your mouth full, Frederick," said his mother.

And of course you can't have your father's paper. You can read it when he has finished with it."

Very fortunately at that moment the telephone bell rang. The house-parlourmaid answered it and came to fetch Fatty's mother.

So Fatty was able to remove the half-chewed cheek-pads and put them into his pocket. He decided never to wear them again at meal-times.

He glanced longingly at his father's paper. Ah—he had folded it over again and the bit about the robbery was on the back, but upside down.

Fatty managed to read it two or three times. He began to feel very excited.

WOULD it be a Mystery? Suppose they hadn't got the right suspect? Then the Five Find-Outers could get on it at once.

Fatty felt that he couldn't possibly eat any more breakfast. He slid away quietly from the table before his mother came back. His father didn't notice him go.

Fatty flew off to Pip's at once. Larry and Daisy would be along soon, for they had p-

ned a meeting there. Pip and Beta had a fine big playroom of their own, where they were not often disturbed, and it made a very good meeting-place.

Pip and Beta had heard nothing of the great news. Fatty told them, and they were amazed. "What a robbery! Little Theatre! Did it happen whilst we were there?" cried Pip, in excitement. "Here's Larry, with Daisy. I say, Larry, heard the news about the Little Theatre robbery?"

Larry and Daisy had heard all about it. They knew even more than Fatty because Janet, their cook, knew the woman who cleaned the Little Theatre, and had got some news from her, which she had passed on to Larry and Daisy.

Larry said Janet felt certain that the robbers were the two ruffians she had seen the other night in the beam of light from the kitchen door!

"To think we were all there last evening moaning round, hanging about and everything!" groaned Fatty. "And we never saw a thing. We were so busy preparing clues for old Pippin that we never saw anything of a real crime that must have been going on almost under our noses."

"Janet says that Mrs Trotter, the woman who cleans the Little Theatre, told her that last night the police found the manager stretched out across his office desk, his head on his arms, asleep from some drug—and behind him was his empty safe," said Larry.

"It was one that was built in the wall, hidden by a big wall-mirror hanging in front of it. She said the police must have discovered the whole thing not very long after it was done."

"The police, I suppose that means Pippin," said Fatty. "Gosh—to think we planted him there on the verandah, surrounded by a whole lot of false clues—and there he was right on the spot when a real robbery was committed!"

"It's absolutely maddening. If only we'd snopped round a bit more, we might have hit on the mystery ourselves."

"As it is, we've presented it to the police—or rather to Pippin—and they will get in straight away and solve the whole thing."

There was a doleful silence. It did seem very hard luck.

"I suppose Pippin will think all those cigarette-ends and hanky and so on are real clues now—clues to the real robbers. I mean," said Beta after a long pause.

"Gosh! So he will! He'll be right off on the wrong track," said Fatty. "That's awkward. Very awkward. I don't mind playing a silly trick on either Goon or Pippin—but I wouldn't want to do anything that would prevent them from catching the burglars. These clues of ours will certainly fog them a bit."

"You mean—they'll start looking for people whose names begin with Z and they'll go and watch that Sunday train?" said Daisy. "Instead of going on the right track!"

"Yes," said Fatty. "Well—I think I'd better go and see Pippin. Pip and Beta will be waiting for me. I don't want to get him off on the wrong track—make him waste his time solving a pretend mystery when he's got a real one to see to."

"Blow! It will be very awkward, having to explain. And I bet he won't give me any information, either, because he'll be so annoyed with me for playing a trick on him."

"We could have worked in nicely with old Pippin. We never could work with Goon. Every one's fed very glum. To think they had gone and

spoiled a perfectly super real mystery by making up a stupid pretend one!

"I'll come with you to explain," said Larry. "No," said Fatty. "I take the responsibility for this. I'd like to keep the rest of you out of it—it Pippin takes it into his head to complain of us, my parents won't take a lot of notice—but yours will, Larry—and as for Pip's parents, they'll go right off the deep end."

"They always do," said Pip. His parents were very strict with him and Beta, and had been very much annoyed three or four times already when Mr Goon had complained to them about the children.

"I don't want our parents to know a thing. Mother's already said she's glad Goon is away because now perhaps we won't get into any mischief these holidays, and make Goon come round and grumble about us."

"I'll go and see Pippin now," said Fatty, getting up. "Nothing like getting a nasty thing done at once. I do hope Pippin won't mind too much. Actually I think he's rather nice. He'll be thrilled at getting a case like this when Goon is away."

HE went out, with Buster close at his heels. He whistled loudly to show that he didn't care about anything in the world.

But actually Fatty did care quite a lot this morning. He felt guilty about all those false clues. He could have kicked himself for spoiling his chance of working in with Pippin.

Pippin wasn't like Goon. He looked sensible, and Fatty felt sure he would have welcomed his, Fatty's, help.

He came to Goon's house, in which Pippin was now living whilst Goon was away. To his surprise the door was wide open. Fatty walked in to find Pippin.

There was a loud voice talking in the front room. Fatty stopped as if he had been shot. It was Goon's voice. Goon! Had he come back then?

Fatty stood there, wondering what to do. He wasn't going to confess to Pippin in front of Goon! That would be very, very foolish. Goon might even take it into his head to go and tell Inspector Jenkins, the children's very great friend—and somehow Fatty felt that the Inspector would not approve of the little trick they had played on the unsuspecting Pippin.

Goon was evidently very angry. His voice was raised, and he was going for poor Pippin. Fatty couldn't help hearing, as he stood in the passage, undecided whether to go in or out.

"Why didn't you send for me when you first saw those rogues under that bush in the garden?"

"Why didn't you tell me about the turn-up note?"

"Didn't I tell you to let me know if anything happened? Turnip-head! Doll! Soon as I go away they put in a dud like you, who hasn't even got the sense to send for his superior when something happens!"

Fatty decided to go—but Buster decided differently. Aha! enemy, wasn't it? With a joyful bark Buster pushed open the door of the sitting-room with his black nose, and bounded in!

MORE NEXT WEEK

(London Express Services)

HOW TACTFUL ARE YOU?

HERE'S a new game to test your boiling point. It gives you a chance to tell what you SHOULD do and what you, actually do in matters where sometimes you get angry.

The situation: One of your friends insists on airing opinions which are opposite to yours and he insists you are wrong in your viewpoint.

What would you do? Mark what you'd actually do with an X. What should you do? Mark what you SHOULD do with an X.

1. I'd feel very annoyed, but do my best not to show my feelings.

2. I'd tell him: "You're crazy to talk that way, but I won't argue the matter with you."

3. I'd let his offensive remarks go by and if he insisted on continuing the argument, I'd change the subject.

4. I'd be so provoked I'd give him a good piece of my mind. Maybe I'd even punch him on the nose.

ZOO'S WHO



THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS RECOGNIZED THE WORTH OF VULTURES AS AGENTS OF SANITATION AND GAVE THEM RANKS OF DEITIES.

IMPRINTS OF EIGHT VARIETIES OF DINOSAUR HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN ONE SECTION OF UTAH. THEY LEFT THEIR TRACKS IN THE SAND WHICH HAS SINCE TURNED TO STONE.

IN FLIGHT A SPARROW'S WINGS MAKE 13 STROKES A SECOND.

Caterpillars Are Foolish

— They Won't Touch Anything They Can't Nibble —

By MAX TRELL

"CATERPILLARS," said Mr Punch to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "aren't very bright. They do foolish things. To make matters even worse," he added, "they don't even know they're foolish."

Knarf and Hanid asked Mr Punch to explain what he meant about caterpillars not being bright and doing foolish things.

"Well," answered Mr Punch, "I once had two caterpillars for pets. One was named Archibald and the other was named Clarence. They were just about as long as their names, and quite fuzzy. I used to feed them fresh green leaves and a bit of butter-milk. They liked the leaves but they wouldn't touch the butter-milk."

"Why not?" asked Knarf. "Why wouldn't they touch the butter-milk?"

"Because," said Mr Punch, "caterpillars won't touch anything they can't nibble. And they never could manage to nibble butter-milk."

Not So Foolish

Hanid said she didn't think that was so foolish. But Mr Punch went right on.

"One day Archibald and Clarence went for a walk with me. I mean I took them out for a walk. But where do you think they walked?"

"Where?" Hanid said. "Archibald walked up to the top of a cherry tree, and Clarence walked up to the top of a plum tree. I was never so tired in my life. In fact, from that day on I made them go out

for a walk by themselves. One afternoon I saw them walking round and round the top of a flower-pot. How did you enjoy your walk today, boys? I asked when they came back. They both exclaimed that they had had a wonderful walk. 'We walked for miles and miles on a beautiful paved path,' said Archibald. 'But we kept passing the same houses and the same trees and the same bushes all along the way.' And when we got off the path there we were right home again, just where we started," said Clarence. "They had no idea," said Mr Punch, "that they had done all their walking round the rim of the flower-pot! Caterpillars are very foolish."

"Then one fine day," said Mr Punch, "Archibald and Clarence came up to me; they were both so sleepy they could hardly keep their eyes open. 'You'd better go and take a nap, boys,' I said. 'I'll go fix your beds. They both went on a bed of moss which I kept in a shady corner of my window.' Mr Punch explained.

Back Of Garden

"But when I came back," Mr Punch went on, "I found that Archibald and Clarence had both gone off to a tree at the back of the garden. And there they were, high up on the trunk, busily spinning their own beds. Before I could get them down they had crept inside their beds, covered the top and were fast asleep. So I let them sleep.

"They slept for days and days and days—which is quite long enough for a nap—and finally I decided to wake them up. So I rapped on their beds, and by and by two little heads came out. But they weren't Archibald and Clarence!"

"No?" said Knarf and Hanid. In astonishment. "Who were they?"

"Two butterflies. Look what happened to you, Archibald!" I said. "Look what happened to you, Clarence! You're not caterpillars any more! But they didn't seem to be at all surprised. They just fluttered off. Now, did you ever hear of anything as foolish as that—to go to bed as caterpillars and wake up as butterflies!"

But Knarf and Hanid only smiled. "It happens all the time," Hanid said.

THE solution: No. 3 is best, then Nos. 1, 2 and 4 in that order. No. 4 is the worst thing you could do. You'd lose a friend and nothing would be settled.

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SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Shrewd Play Can Win This Game

100	AK2	55
AKJ10	AJ873	Q864
KJ4	Q54	3
QJ10	WSE	Q1042
KJ6	Dealer	Q83
	▲Q87032	
	78	
	None	
	A1072	

Lesson Hand on Bidding

South	West	North	East
1	Pass	2	Pass
2	Pass	3	Pass
4	Double	Pass	Pass

Opening—♥Q

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

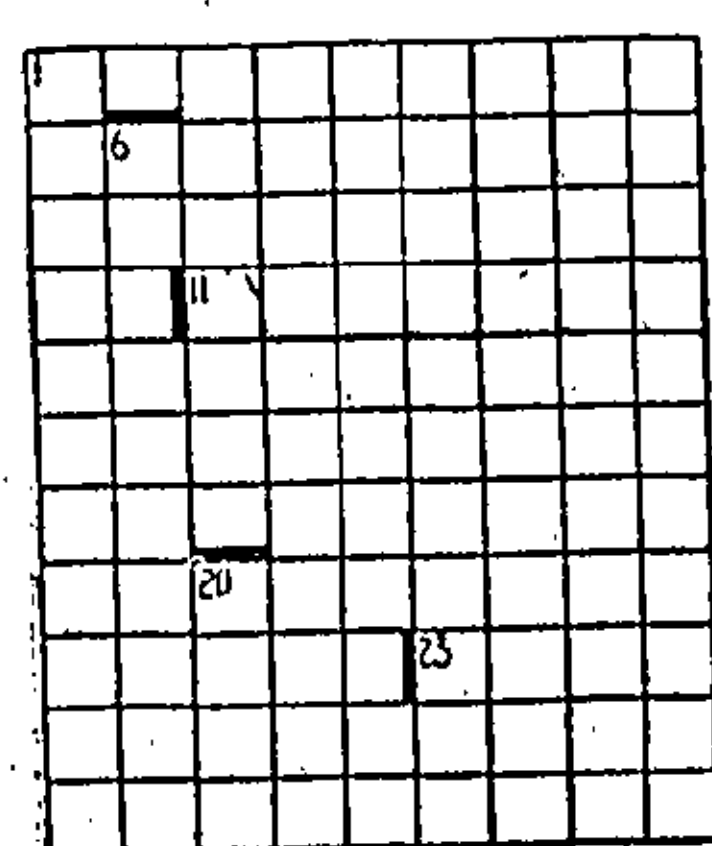
I AM giving you today's hand on a lesson on bidding. However, as Alfred P. Shelwood points out in his recent article in The Bridge World magazine entitled "Practical Bridge," the hand also has a very fine point in play. You will notice that Mr. Shelwood does not open the bidding with a three or four spade bid. You should never use a pre-emptive bid if you have a sound opening bid of one, as you do in today's hand. A pre-emptive bid tells your partner that you do not have the required high card strength to make an opening bid of one. South should bid one spade and when North over-calls with two diamonds, South should rebid his long spade suit, not the four-card club suit.

The part of North contains a lot of information for South. It tells him that North does not have three spades and his hand is pretty well balanced. If South at this point were to bid three clubs, it would be an invitation for North to bid four no trump. It might even suggest the possibility of a slam. South knows that his partner has at least two spades, as a person rarely bids two no trump with a singleton of his trump with some clubs. Therefore, South is correct in jumping to four spades.

When the dummy goes down it looks almost impossible for South to make his contract, as he must lose two trumps and possibly two club tricks. However, as Mr. Shelwood points out, a little deception on the part of South might give him his contract.

The opening lead of the queen of hearts is won with the king, and the spade finesse taken. West wins and returns a heart which dummy wins. Now South should not cash the ace of diamonds, even though he does not have an entry into dummy. He should lead another spade. West wins and returns a heart which declarer trumps. Cash all of the trumps but one. East and West, looking at those five diamonds in dummy will not discard any of their diamonds, but will let go a club. All South has to do then is to cash the ace of clubs, give up a club and he will make his contract.

SKELETON CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- This sort is a plant.
- Associate somewhat suggesting the Red Sea?
- One of those overheard?
- Graduate or military initials.
- A two-way principle.
- Not carefully for sight ash.

(Solution on this page)

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It certainly was worth coming 1765 miles to this place—it's just like home!"

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE Edinburgh Education Committee, of which I was Chairman for 1946-7, had a tempestuous discussion the other day on whether it is wrong to have a parachute exercise in a park on Sundays. Opinions differed. We had this sort of trouble in my time. We decided that anything which tended to keep the public

ROTATION OF CHOPS by T. O. HARE

FOUR friends who spent a week's holiday together dined at the same table for six nights. Their chairman, Mr. Butcher, always occupied the same seat, but the occupancies of the other three seats was on no two nights the same. On Monday, Mr. Glover had the host's right and the butcher to his left. On Tuesday, Mr. Butcher had the host's right and the butcher to his left. On Wednesday, Mr. Glover had the host's right and the butcher to his left. On Thursday, Mr. Butcher had the host's right and the butcher to his left. On Friday, Mr. Glover had the host's right and the butcher to his left. On Saturday, Mr. Butcher had the host's right and the butcher to his left.

(Solution on this page)

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

BORN today, it is likely that you have exceptional talents in some particular line. Your interests are so diversified that it may take a little time and digging to discover which one thing you most enjoy doing. Parents or children born on this day should never "push and prod" but guide and suggest.

Once you have found your true niche in life, you may attain great success, financial wealth and probably fame. You are not one who will undertake anything superficially. You have a true genius for taking things with detail when you are really and deeply interested in something. This is one of the clues as to what really interests you. When you discover yourself getting to the bottom of something—no matter what—then you know that is what you want to do for the rest of your life. Don't let yourself be persuaded into anything else.

You have a quick wit and often a caustic tongue. You see through to the heart of a situation at once and are seldom fooled by phony or ostentation. Frank and open yourself, you or others to be the same way. Consequently expect others to be a little more glib than you are apt to be a little more glib than you are in your best interests. Don't trust people with your innermost secrets or ideas until their faith, devotion and loyalty have been proved.

You might become a little too fond of what is called "good living." Curb your propensities in this direction or you may find your energies are being absorbed by frivolities rather than the more serious things of life. Your marriage should be a happy one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

BORN today, you are a great lover of justice and will go all out to see that it is done. You must endure to see others oppressed and you will want to do your share in making the world a better place in which to live. You love to give advice but like to see it followed to the letter. If someone asks for and gets your advice, and doesn't follow it, you seldom offer help a second time.

You are something of a cynic and must curb your tendency to say the caustic and biting thing. You are a talented mimic and can "take off" your friends adroitly—and your enemies off! In fact, if you want to use this talent on the stage, you might become outstanding as a great character actor, whether you are a man or a woman. In addition, you have the gift of being able to write well. You might be equally successful as a humorous writer—or, if

you went more deeply into social conditions, a fine satirist.

Your good and ill fortune seem to come and go in almost preordained cycles so that you will be wise if you discover your "good days" and your "bad days." Organize your work accordingly. You will discover that the month of May is not usually a propitious time for you to start a new project. Wait until another time. Be patient; sit back and make plans, but don't work out that Tuesday is one of the best working days of the week. Plan to do your important work at this time. Your dreams are likely to be significant. Pay attention to them!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A long-anticipated change for the better may occur today. Take full advantage of all new opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Conditions are somewhat uncertain today but you can control matters if you are alert.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be diplomatic and tactful in all affairs connected with members of the opposite sex. Curb impulses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are reasonable in your expectations, chances are they will be fulfilled. Don't overestimate potentials.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A good day at the office. Employees are especially favoured. Home affairs may call for exceptional tact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good day for business but don't let your affections influence you against your best judgment when it comes to making an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Begin the new working week with a firm decision to move ahead. Write that important letter now.

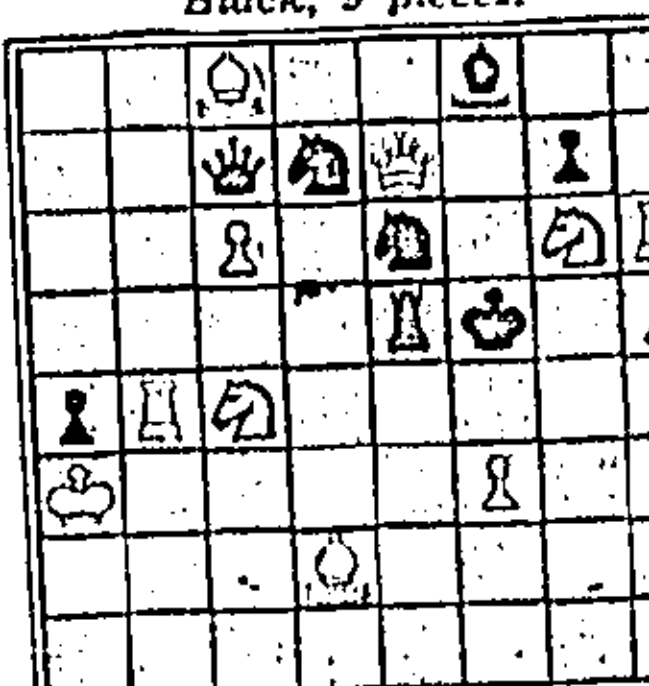
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An active day in which you can afford to go into high gear and work for good results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—This is a banner day for your activities. Put into action all those plans you have been making recently.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Business interests are good. See that your work is well paid for. Keep an eye on profits. They should increase.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. KLAR Black, 9 pieces.



White, 11 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

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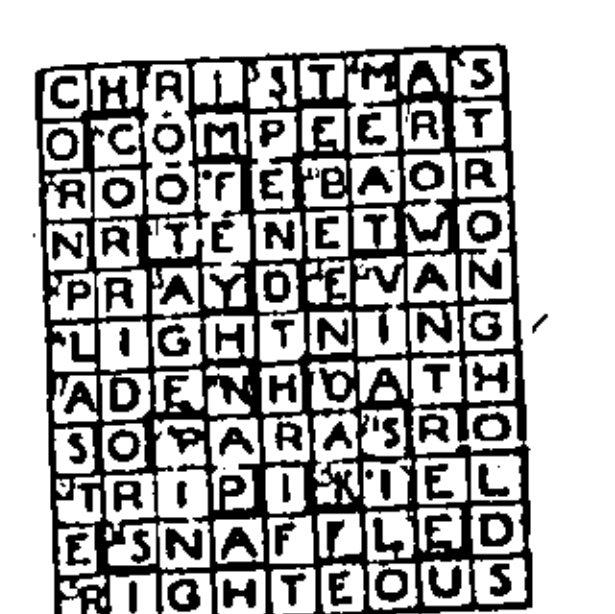
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CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

CALL the four friends B, G, H.

There are, of course, just six ways in which they can be seated:

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N.Y. PAYROLL ROBBERY

New York, Oct. 7.—Two armed bandits today held up the cashier of a building materials company and escaped with two payrolls totalling \$45,000, being taken to the United Nations Headquarters building under construction here.

The man took the money after forcing the cashier of the company to drive to the East River and 16th Street, over one mile from the construction site.

NEHRU LEAVES FOR U.S.

Bombay, Oct. 7.—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, left by plane for London today on his way to the United States at the invitation of President Truman.

RECORD SWEEP DRAWN AT H.K. JOCKEY CLUB

\$916,272 First Prize

THE DRAW FOR THE RECORD KWANGTUNG HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE TOOK PLACE IN THE JOCKEY CLUB PREMISES AT HAPPY VALLEY THIS MORNING. IT WAS CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY AND WAS WITNESSED BY A LARGE CROWD.

One hundred and twenty-four tickets were drawn. One of these will win the first prize of \$916,272.

BLOCKADE RUNNERS RELEASED

Washington, Oct. 7.—The State Department reported today that the Chinese Nationalists have released the two American freighters halted off Shanghai on October 2 while they were trying to run the Nationalist blockade.

A State Department spokesman said the United States was "gratified" with the release of the ships. Information reaching the State Department indicated that the freighters, Flying Independent and Flying Clipper, of the Isbrandtsen Steamship Company, were allowed to leave with their crews and passengers. The cargoes were unmolested.

A third Isbrandtsen steamer, halted on October 2, the Flying Trader, earlier escaped Nationalist warships and slipped into Shanghai.

A message from the Flying Independent to the Isbrandtsen office in Shanghai said its departure from Nationalist warships was "cordial" and the freighter was proceeding to Pusan, South Korea, "with official permission." The Flying Clipper said in a message that it was heading for Hongkong.

The big race is the second on today's card. It will be run off at 2.30 p.m.

The second prize is \$201,702 and the third prize \$130,000. Drawers of tickets on unpaid qualified ponies will each receive \$7,211.00.

The full draw list follows:

Abdul Hamid	1095077
Aeroplane	530605
Alma and Graces	1775234
Amarant	1933145
Amazons	321821
Amber	1723755
Ansterdam	5435205
Arabian Dagger	1220929
Araxys	1248642
Atomic Power	278308
Ballerina	252448
Barbarian	497470
Baron	724283
Baylight	1704485
Ben Wyvis	68270
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Diamonds	574401
Duchess Delight	1011039
Easy-going	615124
Egyptian Field	141044
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Epilard	1351310
Fairy Feet	1522603
Fillbuster	405227
First Alarm	1338407
Flourish	539557
Flying Knight	1024305
Forever Spring	1099582
Golden Dalia	141044
Good News	1305732
Green Velvet	369832
Gypsy	237194
Gypsy Girl	1329677
Happy Farmers	1348100
Happy Return	24813
Harmony	1899258
Highlight	950093
High Speed	1102160
Home Builder	1020322
Honey Dew	1237372
Hongkong Statue	1871801
Iron Mask	1514897
Jasmine	1024510
Jeep Hec	972244
Jemima	134360
Jennifer	327702
Jester	282094
Jocks	454009
Kolinsky	406431
Kwong Lung	880031
Lady Gloucester	1078881
Liberty Diamond	1769407
Liberty Ship	1700337
Lucky Jane	129020
Lucky Star	901735
Mabel	905391
Madame Butterfly	1112500
Manana	127379
Mastery	1901302
Mayday	1407353
Mercury	49142
Milmi	1743071
Morning Sky	708269
My Love	743646
Nervous Witness	1002182
Oakland Bridge	900632
Oldies	903880
Oliver	608115
Pegasus	556095
Pearl Diver	540400
Popularity	24591
Popularity	1970888
Probabilty	749417
Racing Queen	1570504
Radio Star	1070009
Reputation	402497
Ringer	1007207
Ringside	597238
Roslyn	151813
Rouge d'or	806007
Ru-wanglen	1202231
Saffron	202231
Sharpshooter	485014
Shun Fung	520402
Silver Spear	1775107
Skinner	13597
Small Dragon	1705249
Southeast Wind	1054431
Sparkling Eyes	5994150
Sparkling Star	1301090
Speed Wheel	344022
Sportsmaster	344100
Stirling Castle	577220
Strychnine	228340
Sunkiss	131679
The Alligator	1327017
The Hopeful	1073141
The Tigress	593310
Thunder Sky	532392
Top Hat	112215
Topper	129742
Treasure	1491091
Trigler	1273240
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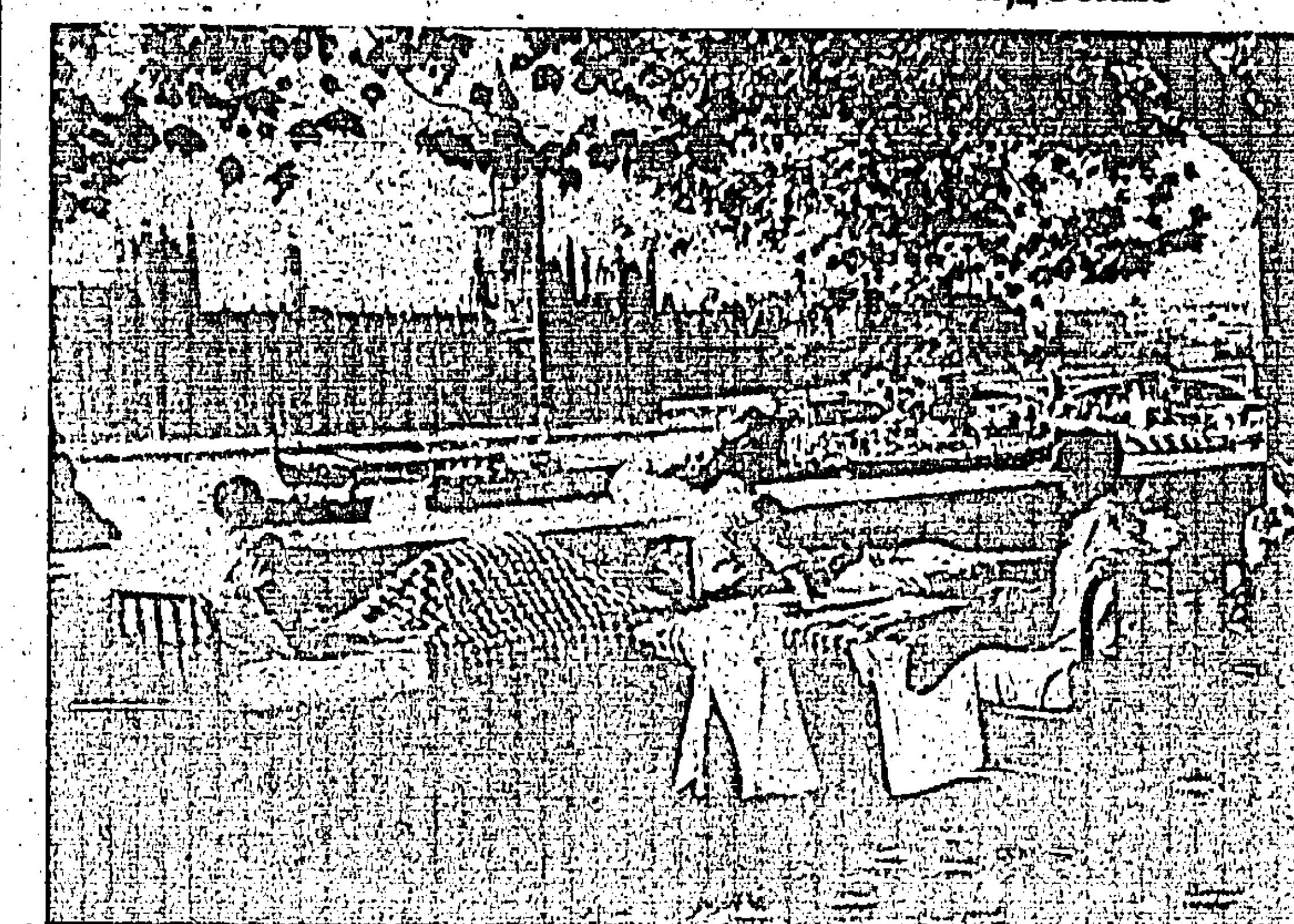
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Soviet Russia May Surpass West's Atomic Knowledge

Toronto, Oct. 7.—A scientist who predicted in 1946 that Russia would have an atomic bomb in three years said today that he now feared that Russia would surpass the West's atomic development.

SOMALILAND RIOTS

British Officer Injured

Lake Success, Oct. 7.—A spokesman for the British delegation to the United Nations said today that reports had been received from Somaliland that a British officer was injured in the disturbances there which resulted in the death of four persons on October 5.

The spokesman told a press conference that five policemen, presumably natives, were among the injured. He said all had been wounded either by knives or stones.

The U.N. Political Committee was first advised of the demonstrations yesterday after the Pakistani delegate, Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, had read a letter addressed to the Committee by the Somali Youth League, claiming that the British had banned their organization. Sir Zafrullah asked the British delegate, Mr. L. Clutton, for a report.

Mr. Clutton then revealed that there had been demonstrations at Mogadishu, capital of Somaliland, and the fatalities had resulted. The spokesman said this morning that the demonstrations were similar to those which occurred a year ago in which 40 persons were killed.

He said the British occupation authorities considered it necessary to take immediate steps in the current disorders to ensure against the possibility of further fatalities. He declined to comment as to what political factors were responsible for the trouble.

RIOTERS GAOLED

Mogadishu, Oct. 7.—Four Somalis were today sentenced by a British court to terms of from six months to 12 months hard labour on charges of violence in the anti-Italian riots of October 5.

Five other Somalis convicted of organising the riots were sent to compulsory residence under police supervision at Elbur, in the northern province of Somaliland.

The situation is quietening down and the curfew imposed after the riots has been curtailed to the hours of darkness.

On Thursday night police arrested several Somalis alleged to have been involved in the organisation of the riots.

The 150th anniversary of the Thames Police was celebrated by a water pageant. River thieves of 150 years ago were recreated. Patients of St Thomas's Hospital were brought out on to the terrace of the hospital to watch the show.

PRODUCTION CONFERENCE WAS SECRET

London, Oct. 7.—Leading British industrialists, trade union chiefs and Government export drive specialists met the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, at the Treasury today for a secret production conference.

Though official sources described it as a routine meeting of the National Production Advisory Council, it was regarded as having more than ordinary significance in view of sterling devaluation and the attendant need for stepping up dollar exports.

More overtime in certain industries and greater use of Government's direction of labour powers to staff exporting firms were believed to have been discussed.

Trade union and industrial leaders were known to have been seeking information on matters which they did not consider to have been explained by Government statements made since the devaluation of the pound last month.

—Reuter.

MURDERED 13, FOUND INSANE

Camden, New Jersey, Oct. 7.—Howard Unruh, who massacred 13 persons here on September 6, has been found insane and will not stand trial, the Camden County prosecutor, Mitchell Cohen, announced today.

Mr. Cohen said four psychiatrists, who had been examining the 28-year-old killer at New Jersey State Hospital in Trenton for the past month, found Unruh to be a "case of dementia praecox."

The psychiatrists said, in a report to Mr. Cohen, that, after careful consideration of all factors involved, "it is our opinion this man should be committed to the Trenton State Hospital, where custody, supervision and treatment are available, and the people in the community will be protected from injury or danger should there be a recurrence of his homicidal impulse."

CANNOT BE TRIED

Mr. Cohen, who already had obtained 13 murder indictments against Unruh from the Camden County grand jury, said: "Under the laws of this state, an insane person cannot be tried."

In a 20-minute shooting orgy, Unruh, a war veteran, also wounded three other persons, all of whom have since recovered. He was shot by detectives after he had barricaded himself in his apartment.

Mr. Cohen said: "There is no alternative but to have Unruh committed to the State Mental Hospital. I here and now serve notice on Unruh, his family and his sympathizers that, so long as I live, I shall vigorously oppose any attempt by anyone at any time to have this man released into society."—United Press.

Consultations On China

London, Oct. 7.—Britain has begun consulting its 27 Atlantic Pact and Commonwealth partners on the Chinese Communist Government's request for diplomatic recognition.

A Foreign Office spokesman who announced this today said "we are going on through normal diplomatic channels."

Britain is bound to consult other Commonwealth countries on major issues of foreign policy. Some months ago it promised to consult the United States, France and other Atlantic Pact countries on relations with the Chinese Communists.

The Cabinet is due to consider the issue next Thursday.

—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Dismantling Policy

IN his first report as British High Commissioner in Western Germany, General Sir Brian Robertson states that the Germans could be expected to show increasing opposition to the Allied dismantling policy. "The public outcry against the dismantling policy of the three Western Allies," he says, "died down with the conclusion of the election campaign. Activity by the political parties, notably by the Social-Democratic Party, in opposing dismantling has not, however, appreciably decreased, and there are indications that even more determined opposition can be anticipated." In fact, the three-week-old government of Dr. Konrad Adenauer has openly asked the "Allied High Commission to put an immediate end to dismantling. These developments, together with the news this week that 44 American Senators have petitioned the U.S. State Department urging that no more German factories be dismantled, place the question among those of current importance. It will be found on examining the protests, however, that they are mostly based on inaccurate information. It is far from true to say that dismantling has been the cause of serious unemployment in the Western Zones. No less a person than Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator, told the Germans bluntly in a recent speech that dismantling is not the cause of their economic difficulties. It is natural for the Germans to feel some resentment at seeing factories and plants being removed, and therefore their politicians have made

clever use of this excuse to further their propaganda. Another point about dismantling that the Germans apparently are unable to appreciate—and, for that matter, many others outside Germany are ignorant of—is that the decision to proceed to take down a modified list of factories was a joint decision by the British, French and United States Governments, and was not the decision of the British Government alone. We find, for instance, the same group of American Senators complaining that Britain had recently increased dismantling in the British Zone. It is because most of the factories are situated in the British Zone that responsibility for enforcing the three-Power decision falls chiefly on the British authorities. When an order is given by a British official, or when British troops are sent to see that the work is done, they are merely carrying out the policy of the three Western Powers. But German politicians and journalists continue to speak and write as if Britain alone was responsible, and the United States and France had been dragged in unwillingly. It is time that this state of affairs should be corrected. If the British Government and British officials must carry the burden and, at the same time, incur all the odium, it would be better, on this score alone, to stop dismantling. But if, on the other hand, France and the United States want dismantling to continue, they must back up the British Government in carrying out the policy, by word as well as by action, if necessary.

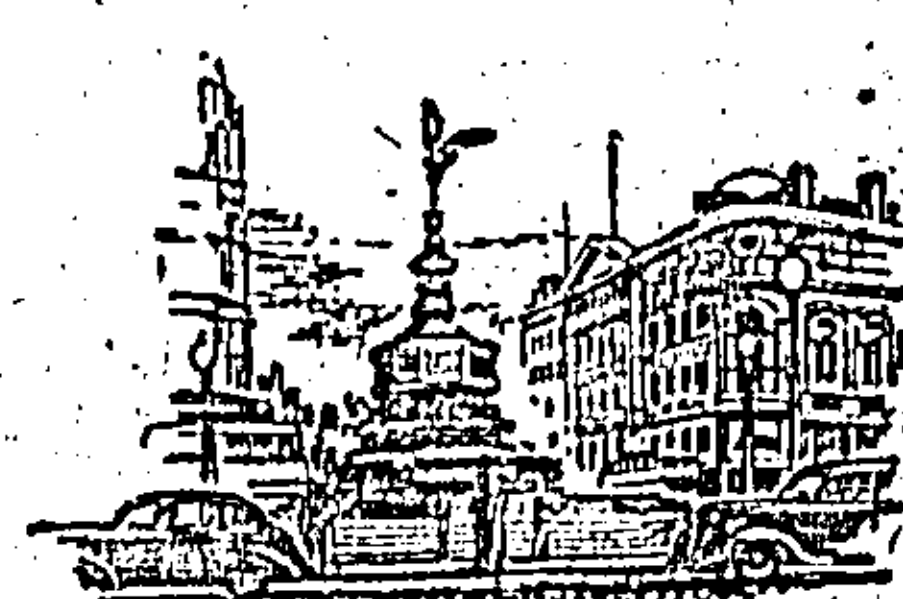
REPORT ON KLM CRASH IN INDIA

New Delhi, Oct. 7.—The Indian Government today announced that its official report on the KLM Constellation crash last July, in which a number of American newspapermen were killed, was being submitted to the Netherlands Government before publication. A spokesman said the report probably would not be made public before November 1.

No Telegraph On Monday

On Monday, which is a holiday in honour of the Double Tenth, the Hongkong Telegraph will not publish, but it will resume publication on Tuesday.

The South China Morning Post will appear on Monday morning, but will not publish on Tuesday, resuming on Wednesday morning.



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News Of Britain's Film Folk

STARS MAY HELP IN BRITAIN'S DOLLAR DRIVE

Margaret Lockwood and Jean Kent may go to the United States on flying visits designed to help Britain's dollar drive.

Strong pleas for both actresses to attend the New York openings of their films, "Madness of the Heart" and "The Gay Lady" respectively, have been received by the Rank Organisation in London.

Mr Earl St John, Two Cities' Executive producer, who has just returned from a mission to America, was pressed with this request when there.

"Incidentally," he added, "when Joan Crawford saw Margaret Lockwood's picture with me in Hollywood she sat back afterwards and said: 'That's the loveliest picture—I wish I'd got the script first!'"

Meanwhile, in New York, the sales drive for British films has been intensified. The new films Mr St John took with him to the United States are having a series of sneak previews in New York.

Undergoing these tests of box office appeal are the Lockwood and Kent pictures, Pat Roe's and Kent pictures, Pat Roe's "The Perfect Woman," now smash-mongers-Granger picture "Adam and Eve," "Obsession," "The Children Hundreds," a comedy about a British election, "The Whiskey Galore" (Tight Little Island in the United States), "Obsession," "The Children Hundreds" and "Passport to Pimlico" may be re-titled for America.

"Boom Season"

It has been a boom season for British films across the Atlantic. "Hamlet" completed its first 12 months in New York on September 29, and "The Red Shoes" reaches its anniversary region of one and a half million dollars. "The Red Shoes" is expected to gross over five million dollars.

When "Christopher Columbus" opens on Columbus Day, October 12, it will be screened simultaneously at 115 theatres. A coast-to-coast broadcast will be relayed to Italy and Spain.

"Quartet," "The Blue Lagoon" and "Sleeping Car to Trieste" are all playing to capacity American audiences.

Caught Up With Him

Trevor Howard claims that he took up acting as a career because he failed his school examinations, and could think of no other occupation open to him. But now he finds he has to learn Greek after all for his part in "Golden Salamander". Already in the course of the film, he has had to speak French

WHISTLER'S DELIGHT



Hollywood wags insist that lovely Virginia Mayo deserves to appear on a postage stamp. They point out that if Whistler's Mother is worth such recognition, then why not Whistler's delight?

and Arabic, and take lessons from Eric Boon, ex-Lightweight Boxing Champion of Great Britain, who coaches him for the film's fight scenes.

'Sisters' For Oliver Twist

Three-year-old Melanie Angela Lindsay McKenzie, daughter of a London insurance agent, was spotted by a talent scout while playing in her garden.

Looking for two 'sisters' for John Howard Davies in "The Rocking Horse Winner," he watched her for a while and then went to talk to her parents.

When Melanie arrived at the studio the authorities at first shook their heads. Then Valerie Hobson, who plays the children's mother, changed their mind. A small incident had convinced her of Melanie's personality.

Valerie had taken her away to a quiet corner of the set. Like most film sets it had only three walls.

"Would you like to play a game here?" Valerie asked.

Melanie regarded her oddly. "No," she said. "Too draughty."

John Howard Davies's other sister is Caroline Davies, daughter of the well-known author and journalist, G. L. Steer, author of "The Tree of Gernika," who was killed in Burma on a secret mission. Caroline, whose mother was an actress, is an outstanding

Around and About

First scenes of "So Long at the Fair," the new Jean Simmons film, required a large crowd of extras, which included: Six gendarmes, four Spahis, four Arabs, five Indian women, five French officers, four Oriental, one Abbe, two Turkish women, four seamen and two penny-farthing cyclists.

When Noel Coward went to London's Kingsway Hall for a scene in "The Astonished Heart" in which he gives a lecture, three old ladies saw the notices and tried to book tickets at the box-office.

Mal Zetterling, Britain's Swedish-born star, is now touring Britain in Teleskov's "The Songull".

Jean Simmons watched anxiously when Zena Marshall, who appears with her in "So Long at the Fair," was having fun in the balloon sequence. In between scenes, Jean joined Zena and balloonist Pierre Jaquet in the balloon basket. Although regulated by control ropes, the balloon went up 30 feet when caught by the wind. Jean found "low-level" ballooning "excellent enough, thank you very much!"

"Dear Mr Prohack"

Admirers of Cecil Parker—so brilliant a Somerset Maugham character—as the husband of "The Colonel's Lady"—will certainly enjoy his performance in the title role in "Dear Mr Prohack," an Ian Dalrymple Wessex Production, which recently had its world premiere at the New Theatre and Tivoli Theatres, London.

This is based on Arnold Bennett's novel, "Mr Prohack," which had a success in London between the wars as a play, starring Charles Laughton made up to resemble the author.

There is a world of difference between Laughton's rough-hewn Prohack and the suave Treasury official of Mr Parker. The story, too, has been altered to suit the times—the period is 1949—but it still tells the tale of a corrupt, and rather endearing, Civil Servant, most competent in dealing with the nation's finances, who is completely at a loss when he comes into a fortune of his own.

His wife and son and daughter all have definite ideas about how the money should be spent and he is soon unseated in an enormous house, complete with chauffeur and private secretary, and mixing with financiers, black marketeers, crooks and Society women.

There are plenty of bright lines and some amusing situations, and Mr Parker is well supported by a cast including Glynnis Johns (as the very efficient secretary) Hemmings Baddeley as the feather-brained wife, and Sheila Sim and Dirk Bogarde as the son and daughter.

Wallflowers Compared To A Movie Queen

By PATRICIA CLARY

Historical researchers have come up with the eye-popping information that the ancient beauties whose charms have been remembered over thousands of years would be wallflowers beside a modern movie queen.

Fallma and Cleopatra and Helen of Troy were alluring. But only about six hours a day. It took them the other 18 hours to create the allure.

Such modern beauties as Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman, and Linda Darnell look gorgeous 18 hours a day on schedules that would make a hag of Cleopatra.

The famous ancient beauties must have been very alluring indeed," Miss Darnell said, "or they wouldn't have been remembered so long. But I wonder how they'd look these times, without 18 hours to spend on themselves?"

Fallma, for instance, kept herself on a careful regime which undoubtedly made her the reigning enchantress of the 7th century but which no present-day woman would endure.

LONG BEAUTY SLEEP

"She was Mohammed's favourite daughter," Miss Darnell added, "and she could get away with it. She used to lie in bed a minimum of 11 hours a day. Then she followed up her long beauty sleep with a relaxing dip in medicated steam baths next to her boudoir."

"After the baths, she went back to bed. Then women massaged her body for half an hour with aromatic lotions and soothing unguents."

After that, she put on her costly Oriental raiment and decked herself with priceless jewels from her treasure chest. Another couple of hours combining her hair and she was ready to go out.

(Miss Darnell found out all about this when 20th Century-Fox told her to play Fallma in a musical sequence in the picture "Everybody Does It." Miss Darnell does Fallma with seven hours sleep and an hour of makeup.)

Cleopatra achieved her immortal charms by spending 10 hours a day in bed, resting up for appearances. If she'd kept Miss Darnell's schedule, Mark Anthony would have gone right back to Rome.—United Press.



WEEK-END SCREEN FARE

When My Baby Smiles At Me (ROXY & BROADWAY) is a 20th Century-Fox technicolor musical with Betty Grable, Dan Dailey, Jack Oakie, June Haver, Richard Arlen and James Gleason. It is another of those burlesque to Broadway shows—an overworked theme—but it is light and easy on the eyes and ears.

Command Decision (QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA) has an all-male cast that includes Clark Gable, Walter Pidgeon, Van Johnson and Brian Donlevy. It is about intrepid men who have to make decisions about daylight bombing. It is a star show. If you take the girl friend along, she may begin measuring you up against all these strong men.

Maytime in Mayfair (LEE) is another of these Anna Neagle-Michael Wilding films. This time it is in technicolor which suits Miss Neagle. By no means indifferent entertainment and grand stuff if you like the team.

Hearts Aflame (KING'S) is Yung Hwa's latest production and if you have yet to see a Chinese film, this is a good one to start on as it is a problem picture with an unusual problem. It is about the evils which follow an old Chinese custom—marriages by arrangement where the bride is a mature girl and the husband a mere child. The bride's eyes are attracted elsewhere and all old custom is outraged. The picture was filmed in and around Peking.

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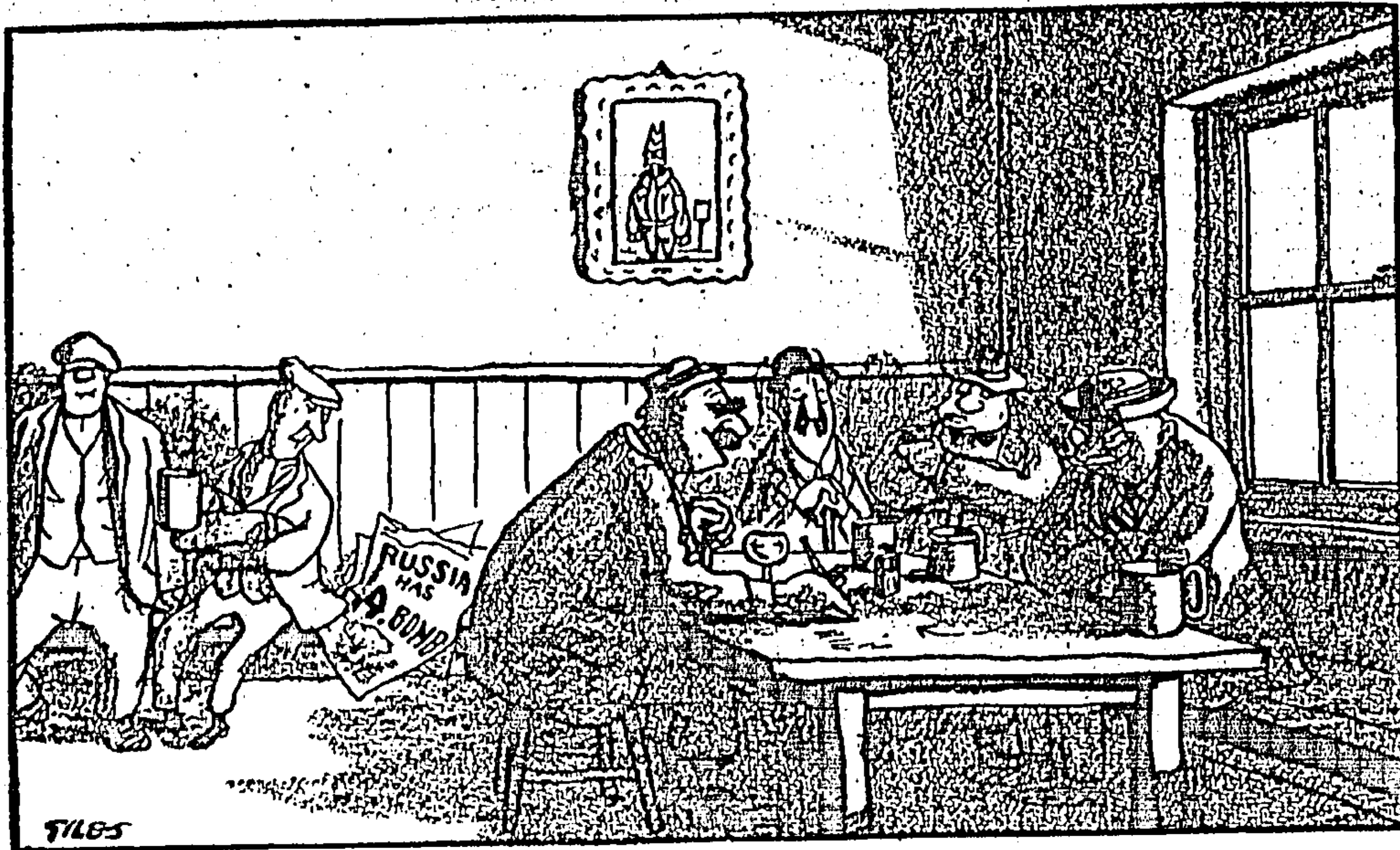
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"HEARTS AFLAME"



Tao Chin and Pai Yang are seen here in a shot from the latest Yung Hwa production, "Hearts Aflame," which opens at the King's Theatre tomorrow.

Pai Yang plays the part of a mature Chinese girl forced to marry a mere child—still a custom in many parts of North China. Tao Chin falls in love with her and tragedy ensues. For the benefit of Europeans in the audience, English slides have been prepared.



"Then when Russia and the States have finished atom-bombing each other, we come in with the Homo Guard."

LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE

THE TWO IMPERIALISMS

By WOODROW WYATT, M.P.

AS an illustration of the difference between Western thought and practice and Russian thought and practice, there is hardly a better field than that of Imperialism. On the face of it some of the Western Powers are Imperialist nations. They control vast areas outside Europe and, even today, there are territories in these areas which do not know what it is to have an election.

In its attack on Imperialism, the Marxist theory inevitably joined Imperialism as one of the co-accused. Instances could be clearly cited of the annexation of a country by a Western Power purely to obtain for the trading elements of that Western Power greater security. In the carrying out of their commerce, the material assets of the overseas territories of Western Powers have frequently been developed almost entirely by Europeans.

Consequently, Russia was regarded as their champion by many sections of the Colonial peoples. It was from Russia that a lead and inspiration were expected which would assist the Colonial peoples towards freedom from alien rule. But what has happened since 1949? In the British Empire, generally regarded as the most conspicuous example of Empire building, country after country has emerged from subject status to independence, and the process continues. In the Russian Empire country after country has descended from independence to subject status, and the process continues.

Annexations

SINCE 1930, the Soviet Government has annexed in Europe nearly 200,000 square miles, containing a very large proportion of an area that these were backward peoples incapable of governing themselves. The Soviet Government began its modern Imperialism with a slice taken off Czechoslovakia. It went on with the annexation of a substantial part of Bessarabia, containing 3,000,000 people. Then there were the 6,000,000 people of the Baltic States submerged into the Russian vortex. No country on the Russian borders has been spared some sacrifice, either of its whole identity, or of a substantial part of its territory.

But Russian Imperialism has not confined itself to actual occupation of the country selected as victim. Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia—the attempt is made to tie them all, whether they wish it or not, to the Soviet way of life. The nature of the new Imperialism is shown clearly by the vociferous reaction to the Yugoslavian endeavour to further the interests of Yugoslavia as well as those of her Imperial master. Movements which once had the appearance, although sponsored in Moscow, of helping the workers of other lines are now exposed as mere instruments of Soviet Imperialism.

In Southeast Asia the Communists have tried to pervert nationalist instincts. They have shouted that they are in the van of all the independence movements. For a short time many were deluded, but now the reality has appeared.

In February 1949, the Communists held a conference at Calcutta. It was sponsored by the Indian Communist Party.

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and to it came delegates from all over Southeast Asia. At that conference it was resolved, irrespective of local conditions, to start an all-out campaign against authority, with the aim of creating chaos and disorder to which Communism would be the help. It was believed that such a policy would fit in with the Soviet Government's line of creating the maximum embarrassment everywhere for the Western Powers and those countries which subscribed to democratic principles. That decision, once and for all, exposed the claims that the Communists put forward for the freedom of their countries against Imperialism.

Cynical aspect

IN the first place, the decision was a deliberate bowing to Soviet wishes against the welfare of the peoples concerned. In the second place, the various uprisings which flowed from the decision were directed not only against the administrators of Western Powers, but against countries which had only just achieved independence.

In Burma, the Communists attacked the new left-wing government that had taken over only three months before from the British. In Indonesia, in August last year, the Communists sought to overthrow by force the Republican Government.

ment which was just struggling for its life against the Dutch. And now in India, the onslaught proceeds against a government grappling with the vast problems that face it as a consequence of the British transference of power.

Nothing could be more cynical than this aspect of the new Russian Imperialism. Where there was a force that could be labelled Imperialist with any show of reason, as in Malaya, the Communists did so. Where there was no such power, as in Burma or in India, the Communists informed the established populations that their own leaders, who had won independence from the British, were in reality only "stooges" of the old Imperialist rulers.

In Europe, or in Southeast Asia, the pattern is the same. Soviet Communism does the very thing that it accuses others most loudly of doing.

Apparently Soviet Russia cannot feel easy unless she can bring more and more of the world under her direct control. Should any country that falls within her toils protest, there are purges and blockades. How impossible it is for any country which retains any element of national pride to put up with Russian Imperialism has been shown in Europe by Yugoslavia. Soon, in Asia, it will doubtless

C. V. R. Thompson

HE WILL HYPNOTISE THEM TO TOP OF THE LEAGUE

NEW YORK.

AN American baseball team, famous for always being at the bottom of the league, is planning to use hypnotism next season to produce a winning streak.

Depressed over their team's constant failures, the management of St. Louis Browns called in psychiatrists. And the mind doctors said the players were suffering from nervous tension.

They had lost so often they were always worried and would miss the ball.

Recently, the management asked Dr. D. S. Tracey, a leading New York hypnotist, if he could help. Dr. Tracey thought he could.

His plan is to join the team during spring training and hypnotise the players into believing in themselves.

Said Dr. Tracey: "Any athlete who succumbs to nervous tension loses some of his ability."

"I could treat the Browns and make them concentrate on their abilities rather than on those of their opponents—I am sure it would help."

He is so sure, he has offered to work for expenses only. He will not be paid unless the St. Louis Browns do what they have seldom done before and end up the season in first, second, or third place.

OPINION: "The only part of the bird of peace America has yet seen," said commentator Patrick Barnes, "is the bill."

AVIATION: Wellwood Beal, a boss of one of America's largest aviation firms, promised that he could produce a jet air-liner ahead of Britain if Washington would pay for it.

MUSIC: Even music is to become synthetic now. In a Chicago speech, scientist Robert Lewis predicted that the composer of the future will draw his masterpieces instead of writing them down. In quavers and semibreves. He will do this by composing a sound track.

Said Dr. Lewis: "He will orchestrate while he composes, and this will enable him to use sounds never before produced, with rhythms far more intricate than we can now imagine."

Another "advantage"—the composition can be played age—38.

be shown by Mao Tse-tung's new China.

On the other hand, it is becoming increasingly clear to those Colonial peoples who have experienced any degree of Communist activity that the West does stand by the ultimate goal of freedom that it proclaims. Even in Indonesia, where the Dutch have hardly helped, up to date, the Western cause in Asia, tension has relaxed. The struggle between the nationalists and the Dutch has been long and bitter; but at last it has come to an end. The Indonesians and the Dutch meet at The Hague to have before them a greater hope before them and agreement that they have ever had before.

But can that be said of any country that has been sucked into the Soviet whirlpool? Only Finland has maintained any degree of political independence. Even she has lost large tracts of territory, and almost all her industry is subordinated to the dictates of Russian needs.

Dead as a dodo

THE proposition that the Western Powers are Imperialistic and that Russia is on the side of freedom is as dead as a dodo. Britain, for example, has with deliberation divested herself of authority over India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma. In those countries live the best part of 500,000,000 people. In the countries that are not yet self-governing, everyone knows that British promises of independence can be relied upon and everyone can see that the preparations for it are being made.

In the countries that fall under the Russian shadow, everyone knows that the Russian word cannot be relied upon, and that her talk of anti-Imperialism is merely a smoke-screen designed to cover the most hideous and cynical Imperialism—from which there is no redemption—that the world has ever seen.

throughout the world as the composer, instead of the conductor, interpreted it. MOTORMAN: Because of record breaking production, there are to be no more dealers waiting lists in America for new cars. Detroit has promised that all makes of cars except one will be delivered just as soon as the dealers get their customers' money. LITERATURE: Jean Van Evera, authoress of the recent best-seller "How to be Happy While Single," got married the other day. THEATRE: Broadway producers are planning to try out more of their new plays in London before bringing them to New York. Reason—production costs are one-third less in the West End, and so losses from failures are not so disastrous.

BACK IN 1937 an Indiana judge named Sherman Minton backed F.D.R. in the only fight he lost—to put younger blood into the United States Supreme Court. President Truman has appointed Minton to fill a vacancy in that court. Minton's

Well, what's Wicksteed been up to?

BERNARD WICKSTEED GOES TO THE ZOO

THE other day I was reading to my children "The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy Winkle." Do you know it? It's about a washerwoman who turned out to be a hedgehog.

I'd barely announced the title when the brightest and most infuriating of my offspring piped up and said: "How can you have a tale of a hedgehog when hedgehogs don't have tails?" (Sweet little things, children, aren't they? It's a miracle some of them survive.)

With admirable patience I explained that washerwomen don't have tails either, yet that doesn't stop you telling tales about them.

The incident passed over, but afterwards I began to wonder. I was reasonably certain of my facts about washerwomen, but was the child right about hedge-

hogs? Don't they have tails?

Could you give an answer straight away? Very well, then, let's find out. And the place to go is the library of the London Zoo, where

they know more so well by now that I'm beginning to feel quite a Fellow.

They sat me down at a desk brought out all the books on hedgehogs ever written, and left me to sort the matter out. You know, the Common Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)



is quite an eccentric character and rather likeable when you get to understand his problems.

If he spoke colloquial English and you asked him how he felt, the answer you'd get would be "Lousy." That's the skeleton in his cupboard, the tragedy of his life. You see, the poor fellow can't scratch. His prickles get in the way.

If I were a millionaire with nothing to do I'd go round the countryside building dear little hedgehog baths filled with DDT.

Naturally a creature with a secret sorrow like this easily takes to drink. There's a record in one of the books at the Zoo of a man who tamed a hedgehog by making it drunk.

He poured beer over him as he lay in a ball and under the influence of alcohol he opened up. "On recovering sobriety," says the book, "he remained a pet for the rest of his life."

And in Paris there's an actress called Mlle. Mia Parély who has a hedgehog called Sotheine which lives on red wine and Camembert cheese.

She gives him wine, she says, because he's so friendly when drunk. Mind you, it isn't necessary to be a drunken hedgehog to make friends with a French actress.

Besides getting tight and friendly with actresses another thing hedgehogs do is to snore in their sleep. I had one once that hibernated in a pile of old leaves behind the bicycle shed, and whenever our parties were going slow we took the guests out in the garden to hear the hedgehog snore. Great fun.

Hedgehogs laugh too. Boys in the country make them do it by drawing a stick gently across their hamstrings. It sends them into shrieks because it tickles so much.

Another of their party tricks is to leap off a ten-foot wall, roll up in a ball as they fall, and land unhurt on their prickles.

Hedgehogs climb trees. Oh, yes, they do. And walls with ivy on them and drain pipes. A man at Sydenham found one in the gutter of his roof four storeys up. Because they can curl in a ball if they fall they are not afraid of heights.

In spite of all his gifts some people don't like the hedgehog. Gamekeepers don't. They say he eats pheasants' eggs. To prove

this isn't true some scientific hedgehog fans kept one hungry for several days and then put him in a box with an egg.

The hedgehog ignored it completely. His front teeth aren't long enough to drill a hole in the shell as rats do and his jaws won't open wide enough to crush anything bigger than a sparrow's egg.

Another thing hedgehogs are supposed to do is creep up to sleeping cows and suck their milk. Scientists doubt this, too. They say his mouth is too small.

But hedgehogs do eat odders. They catch hold of the adder's tail in their teeth and then curl up in a ball. The maddened asp bashes its brains out against the wall of prickles while, inside, the hedgehog chews away at the tail, feeling safe and very happy.

Other things hedgehogs eat are slugs, cockroaches, worms, and bread and milk. On the whole they don't care much about vegetables.

Passing from what they eat to what they do, we come to the great gipsy mystery. I was brought up to believe and I expect you were, too, that gipsies stole on roast hedgehog.

The story as I had it from the cradle was that the gipsies rolled the hedgehog in a ball of clay and cooked it in the ashes.

Well, not one of the authors of all those books in the Zoo library had ever seen a gipsy eat a hedgehog, and most of them doubted the story.

One of the writers went so far as to cook a hedgehog's hind leg and try it himself. He said it was awful—rank and bitter, as you'd expect from an animal that lives mainly on insects.

Hedgehogs have been around for about 3,000,000 years and, judging by their fossils, they don't seem to have changed much in that time.

They can't fight, or run fast (six miles an hour in top gear), but their prickles have saved them from being trampled to death by countless generations of heavy-footed animals and from being eaten too often by beasts of prey.

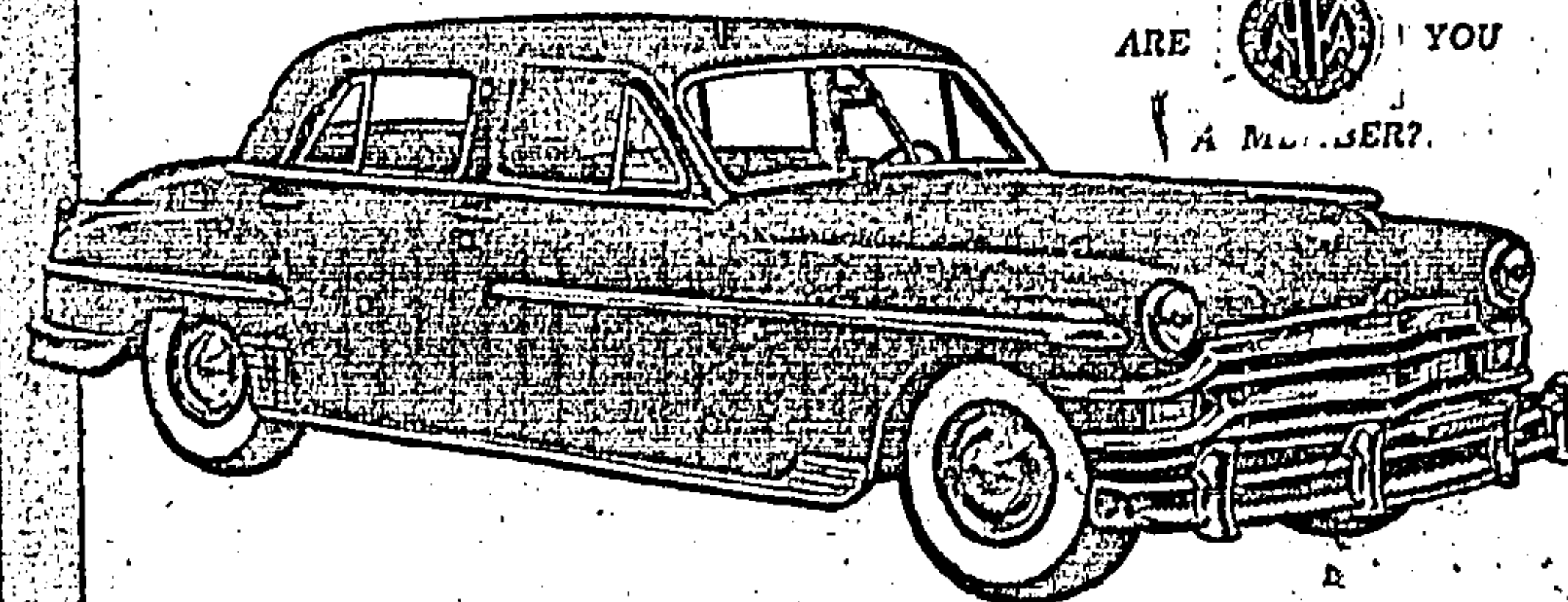
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PHOTOGRAPH taken at St Joseph's Church last week after the christening of Beverly Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Willoy. (Ming Yuen)

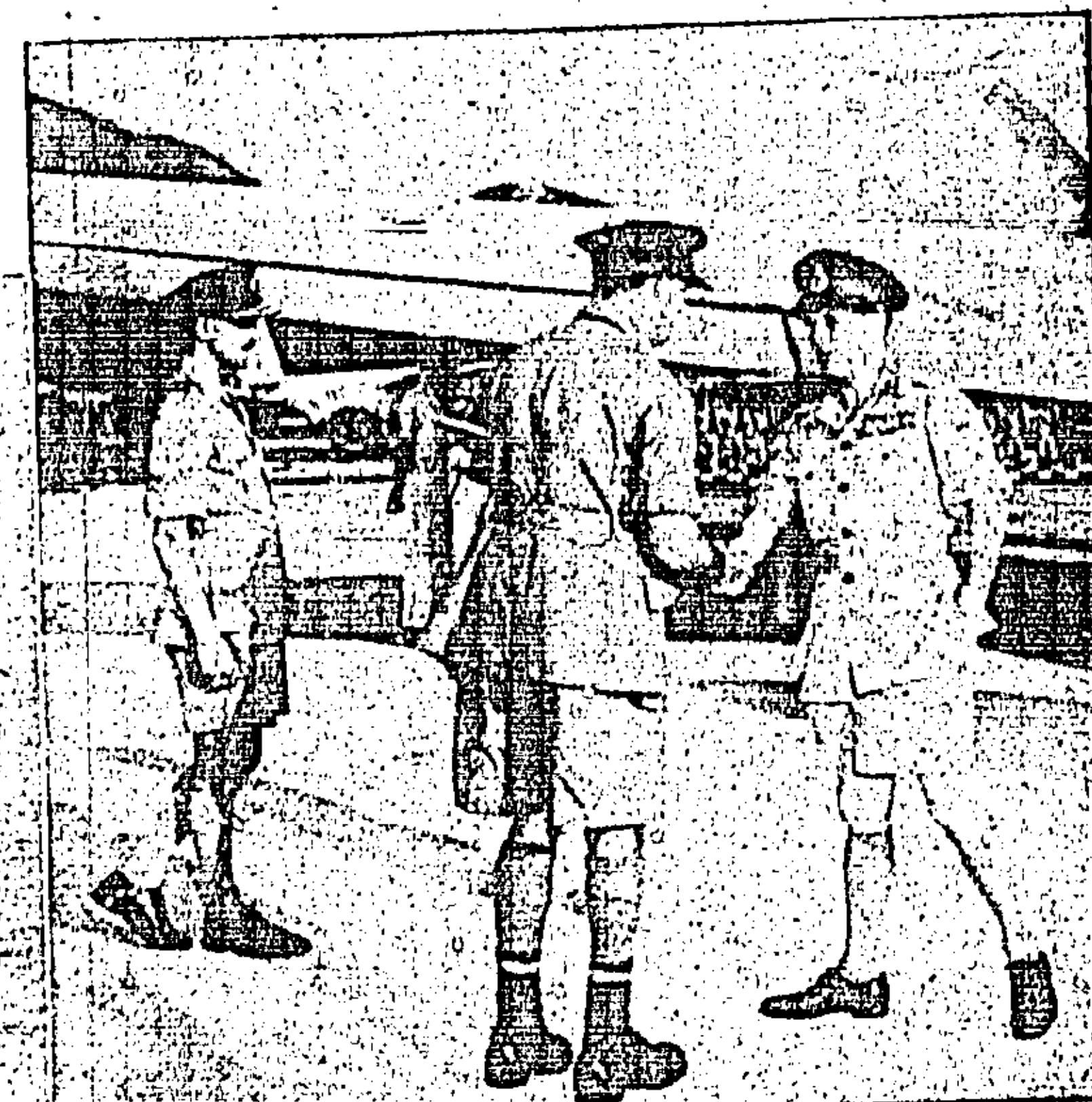
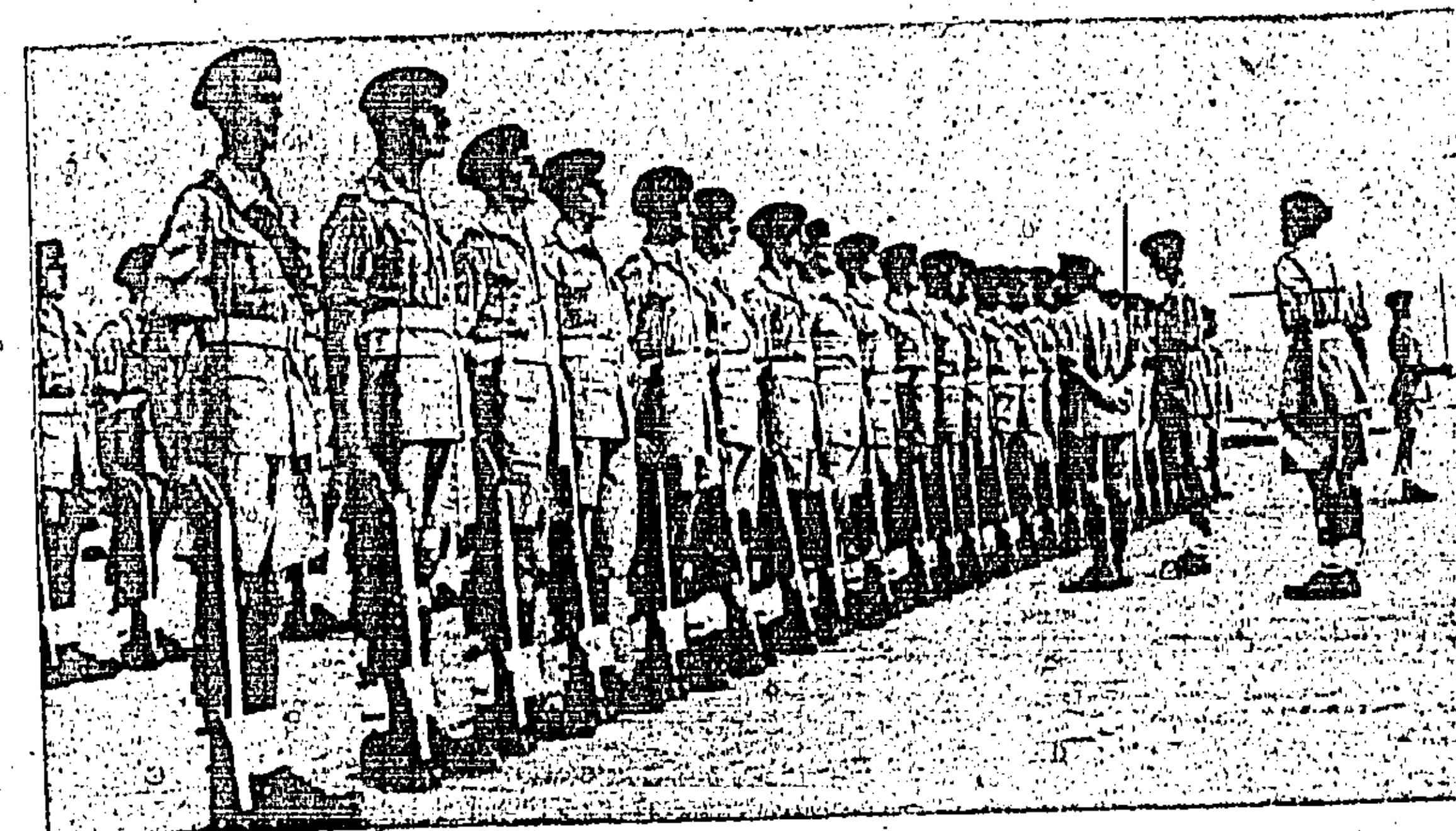
RIGHT: MR Guy Davis and Mrs Nancy Kwok photographed following their wedding at the Registry last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



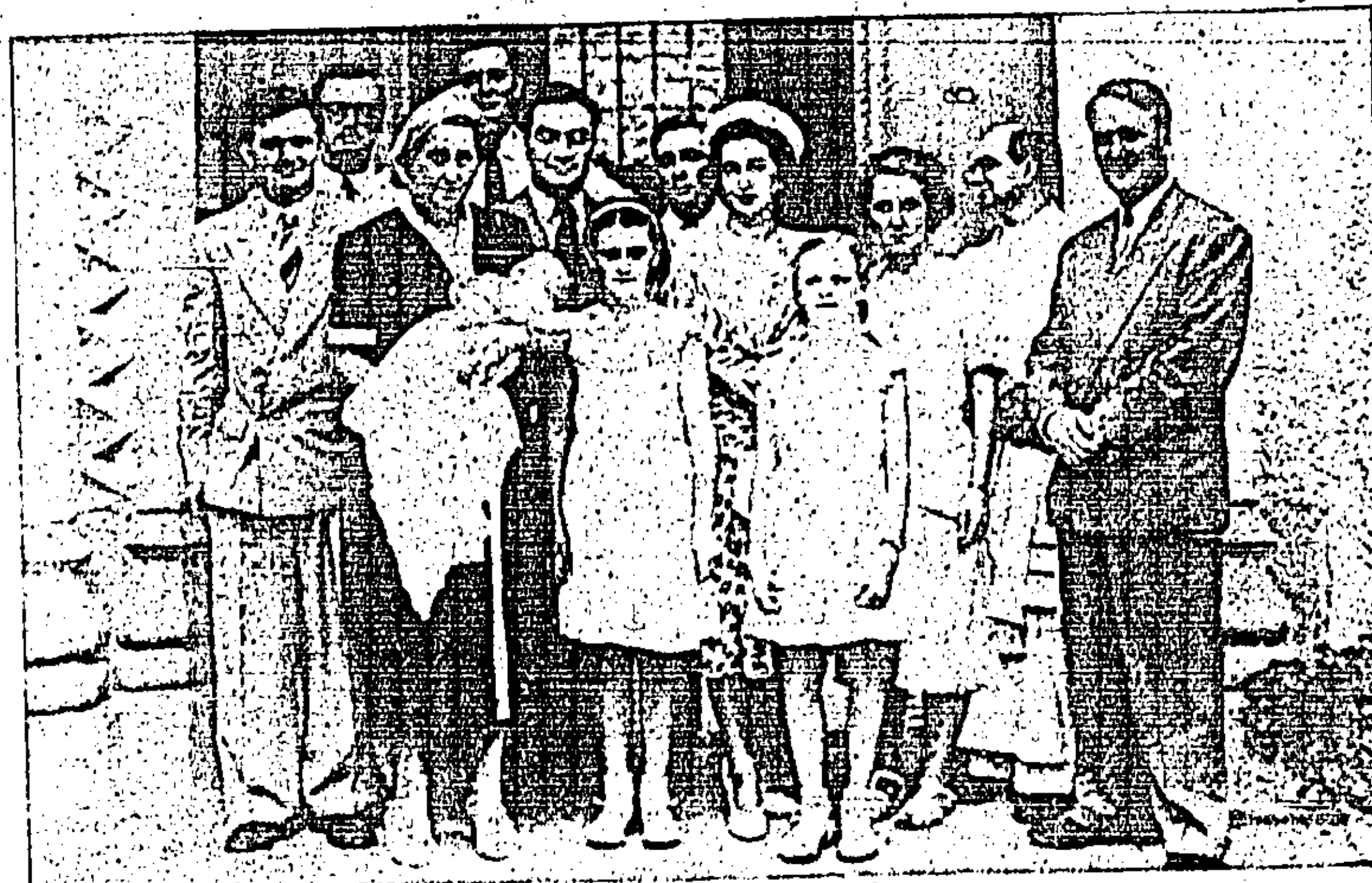
THE annual Michaelmas Fair organised by St John's Cathedral was held in the grounds of the Hongkong Defence Force headquarters last Saturday. It was declared open by Mrs A. C. G. Madden, wife of the Vice-Admiral, Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet, and attracted a very large crowd. Here are two scenes of the Fair. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



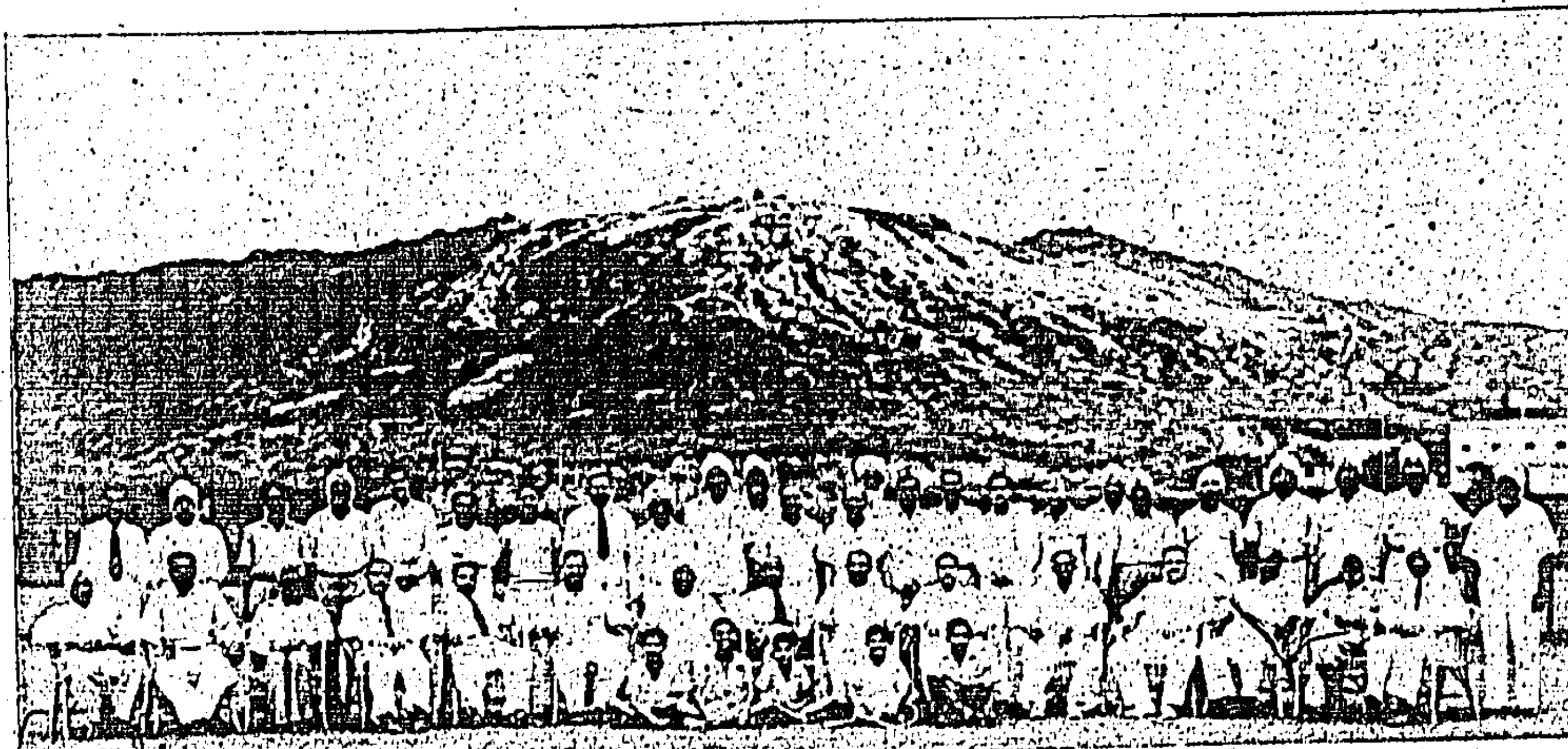
MR Chan Wong-ngai and Miss Chang Shek-yim, who were married at the Registry last week. (Ming Yuen)



THE General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Harding, arrived in Hongkong last week-end from Singapore to inspect the Hongkong forces. He is seen greeted at the airport (above) and (picture next, to the left) inspecting the guard of honour. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



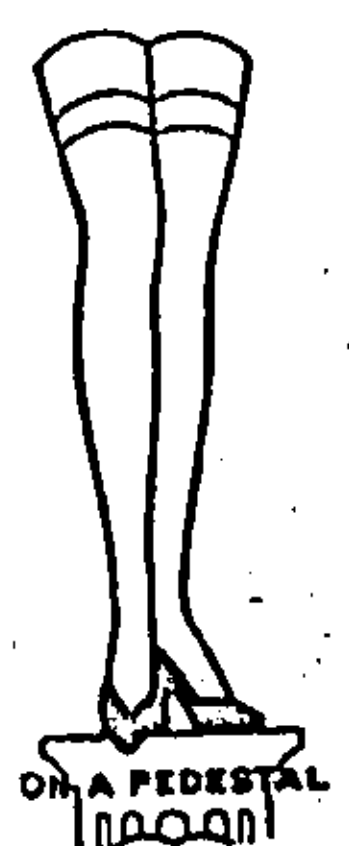
RIGHT: After Sunday's christening at St John's Cathedral of Carol Lesley, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs I. W. W. Boyd.



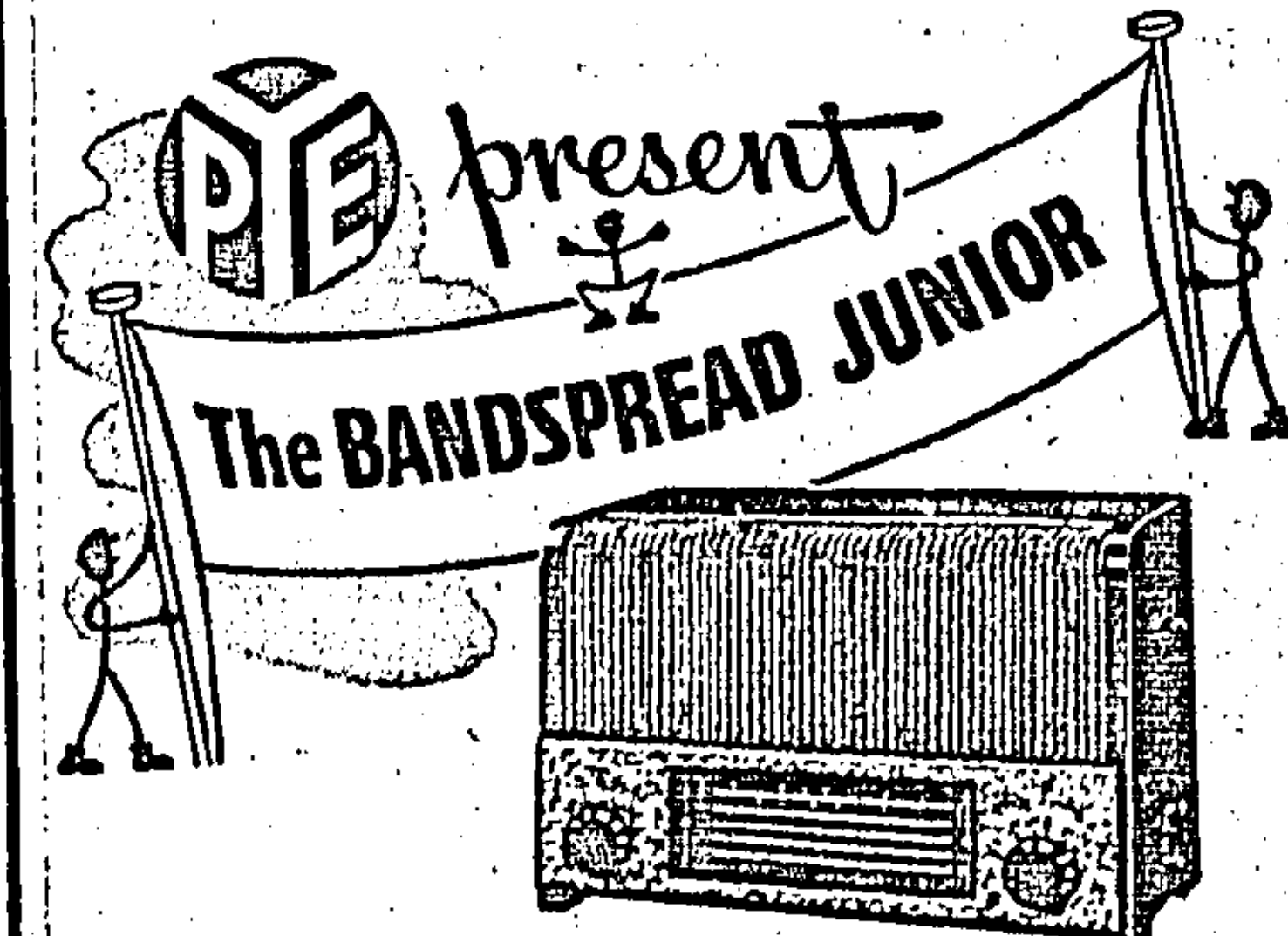
GROUP picture taken at the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club last Sunday when the well-known Indian educator, Professor Ganga Singh, was guest of the Club for tea. Professor Singh is seated in centre of second row, with Mr P. T. Molwani on his left and Mr R. S. Dhillon on his right. (Jimmy Foo)

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Abstractism
Carried Into
Fashion

PARIS. ALTHOUGH it is the modern theme—a spirit that projects itself right into 1950—that characterises the Paris couture showings, just finished, according to cabled reports and summaries from Paris, there is also a definite recollection of the silhouettes and fashion points of the 1920s apparent at many houses. And since all phases of "modern" art had significant development in the '20s, its reflection in the general influences of 1950 seems logical.

In the current conception of modern as applied to the new fashions in Paris, clothes and hats are related not only to abstract painting but to contemporary furniture, as well.

Abstract Influence

The abstract painters who are mentioned as having left their mark on the new collections are specifically Picasso, Matisse and Gauguin. "Everything asymmetric on irregular planes and angles," "composition of flat planes—sharp angles as in very painter's abstract pictures"—indicate how modern painting technique has been carried into Paris fashions.

Modern (so modern that it is called Mid-Century, meaning 1950) is the most significant force in the new fashion trends; the 1920s and their silhouettes is another, brought up to date; and very much more minor in its representation is the Far East, and this is referred to as "modernised Chinese."

Trend-Setting

These three trends appear to be the ones that will wield the greatest trend-setting power on current fashions-in-the-making. Even modern furniture has contributed inspiration to new Paris fashions in its asymmetric coupling of planes, angles and spheres.

Displacing
The Choker

THE flat Egyptian collar is the newest jewellery for evening wear, having quite displaced the choker. Pearls and diamonds are often mixed, and a really elaborate collar may be so wide that it fills in much of the décolletage. Sometimes imitation pearls, with rubies or emeralds, are used in the same ornament with occasionally earrings to match. Tascery necklaces are another innovation; these are a short row of elaborately worked pearl or jewel motifs strung in the front of a narrow chain, or a series of pearl links with long tassels ends. These are intended to be worn with the "portrait" neckline which is very much like an Elizabethan collar or ruff. A glance at a contemporary portrait will show that women in the mid-sixteenth century or earlier wore necklaces of very much the same type.

Pins, Scatterpins

But extremely modern in their effect are the scatterpins, hatelaines and lapel pins which, in Britain, promise to be very much in vogue this autumn. The idea is to wear several tiny pins of different designs on the lapel of a jacket. Tiny insects are popular at present.

Woman to woman

Leopard time again

IT is smart to wear leopardskin again. From LONDON we get leopardskin double-breasted box jackets with three-quarter-length cuffed sleeves, and fastened with huge amber buttons.... camel coats with leopard-skin linings.

From PARIS.—A sitting leopardskin carpet on the floor of a man's bedroom.

From AMERICA.—One square leopardskin pocket on a plain black dress or skirt; or a leopardskin belt and hang from it a man's gold watch and gold Albert.

Why is life so difficult for the woman (and there are many) who is not blessed with a model figure?

Many "small" and "large" women tell me of the difficulty they have in finding smart clothes "off the peg."

A foot-wearing search of London shops convinces me that

A floral idea

When arranging your flowers at home it is now to use fruit and flowers together.

I have seen white carnations arranged in a white china basket together with black grapes and trailing ivy.

To arrange this you need to place a shallow dish of water inside the bowl for the ivy and flowers.

Have roses, and a few loose rose petals, on a centre dish of peaches for the dinner table.

With a kick

RECIPE.—A fruit compote with a kick—use peaches, stewed prunes, apricots (frozen), and, if you are lucky enough to have them, golden raisins. Serve it ice-cold or heated, and add three or four tablespoons of sherry before serving.

Susan Deacon

(London Express Service)

CORINNE

A recent short-hair convert.



DINAH

Favours the forelock.



CLAUDETTE

Has worn this style for years.



Controversy of the 'Cut'...

ARE women resisting the short, "urchin" hair cut? Mr. H. Steiner, a hair stylist, said so but today the "pro-urchins" say why they claim long hair is out of fashion.

The first blow came from Mr. Sydney Riche, 40-year-old Mayfair stylist.

He said: "Leading fashion designers are producing high collars and close hats. These will be copied by the wholesale fashion houses."

"This being so, it seems obvious that short hair will be

fashionable for another 18 months. Long hair over high collars will look ridiculous."

The second blow came from Mr. Sidney Adler, on holiday from California, where he manages hairdressing departments of 12 stores. He said: "The short hair style is the biggest thing since the New Look, and a great deal more attractive."

"Hollywood stars following the new fashion include Claudette Colbert, Corinne Calvet, and Dinah Shore."

[The manager of one chain of hairdressing shops in Britain has told women in Britain would not adopt the new styles because film stars had not done so.]

The third blow came from Paris, from M. Pierre Remy, who has styled Princess Margaret's hair.

He said: "Short hair is the natural development of the French and English fashions, with their Cavalier collars and trim dresses that require short hair."

(London Express Service)

Beauty points

by CHERRY MARSHALL

The secret of a
smooth face

YOU can control the contours of your face by skilful massage. Practised, according to some authorities, by the women of Ancient Egypt, it is still an effective treatment for improving the blood circulation and refining flabby and relaxed muscles.

15 minutes

A good 15-minute routine begins after covering the hair to prevent it getting greasy, with a generous coating of cold cream on hands and face.

1 Cup your chin in the palms of your hands and stroke firmly towards the ears repeating 12 times.

2 With the palms reversed and thumbs placed on the chin, massage towards the end of the jawbones, also 12 times.

These are an effective treatment for a double chin.

3 With fingers placed flat over your mouth, stroke upwards and outwards towards the ears, working the skin on your cheeks gently with the palms.

Don't pull the skin, particularly on the cheekbones, but concentrate on moving the flesh underneath. Done a dozen times, this will prevent wrinkling and stimulate sagging muscles.

4 For unsightly "pouches," put the fingertips flat on your face under your eyes, and massage lightly towards the temples, then from the outer corners of the eyes towards the hairline.

Twelve repeats

5 To smooth a lined forehead, massage firmly from the tips of the nose along the bridge to the centre of the forehead, and fan out to the temples. Repeat 12 times.

By this time you will find that the cream has been absorbed by the pores. Replenish generously, and begin movements again from No. 1.

When the massage is completed, sponge the residue off the face with cold water.

Our skins, unless naturally oily, tend to coarsen in excessive sunbathing.

Rememberful addicts, dismayed by a summer-tan that hasn't quite gone out or is turning sallow, should try a face-pack of fuller's earth and a few drops of lemon.

It should be left on for 15 minutes and then washed off with warm water. Dry skin must be treated with a good bleaching cream.

Use salt

A teaspoon of salt mixed with a teaspoon of skin food is excellent for removing dry flakes of skin which peel off its tan instead of fading.

An unusual and stimulating face-mask is a mentholated ointment of the kind used for relieving colds.

It should be smoothed thinly over the face, keeping it away from the eyes.

Leave it on until the tingling sensation becomes uncomfortable, then sponge with a hot towel. Remove the residue with tissues, and finish off by bathing the face in cold water.

This is also good for large pores, a condition aggravated by heavy make-up which is not scrupulously removed at night. A face-pack is no substitute for careful cleansing.

Avoid grease

Women who have skin trouble and find foundations harmful should ask their chemists to tint a bottle of calamine lotion.

Blemishes, hazardous in grease, and oily cosmetics must be avoided. Always wash with medicated soap, and use boracic lint instead of a face flannel.

Some women have an optimistic belief in ice as a skin stimulant. Unfortunately, it tends to break the tiny veins under the surface of the skin and can give the face a mottled look.

Ice should never be used unless it is first wrapped in a fine handkerchief.

A safer method of toning and stimulating the skin is gentle friction with a small rubber suction brush.

In the event of a late season heat-wave, remember you will look cooler if—

Your lipstick, nail and toe-colouring aren't bright pillar box red.

You favour a matt, rather than a shiny, make-up.

Your hair is not over-oiled. Wear it short, or tie it off the neck with a pretty ribbon.

Autumn tints

After the bronzed gaiety of summer make-up, colours will again emphasise creamy skins and femininity. Ready for autumn, subtle-tinted pinks, soft-toned reds and delicate corals are the appropriate lipstick shades if you are fair. Brunettes should choose clear, true reds rather than bold crimsons, and except for red-heads, it is wise to avoid geranium or blue-red.

Brighter lips

Too large mouths need pastel lipstick. Before filling in, outline them carefully with a lip-stick brush, keeping just within the edges.

Small mouths can carry the lipstick slightly beyond the outer edges. First drawn with a lip pencil, this will look perfectly natural.

Use brighter, more adventurous colour tones of bright rose and flame red.

(London Express Service)

London Autumn Collections
Rival Paris'

By JOAN ERSKINE

PARIS has let us down badly. Fashion writers in England saw the British couture collections, and rushed across the Channel on masse to see the French offerings. Many of them have since regretted that they did not enthuse more over the London fashions.

For Paris gave us ice-cold drinks in the heat of the

noonday sun, and sprayed us with their latest perfumes in the cool of the evening; the models drifted like blown flowers along floodlight aisles at mid-

The truth of the matter is that the London designers beat Paris to it this time. Perhaps it will never happen again—but the collections seen over here this autumn anticipated almost every one of the French trends, and interpreted them, moreover, with far more grace and elegance than Paris.

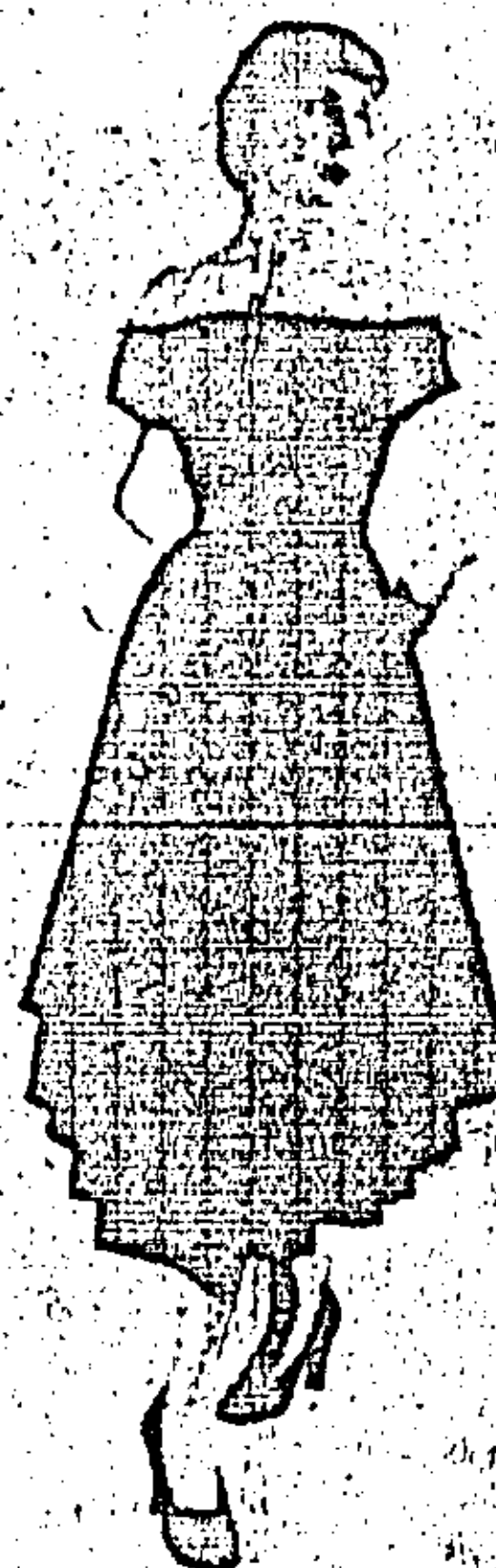
There is one point worth noting. This year Paris has come out in open challenge to the British tweed and worsted export market by boosting her woollen industry. Before the war France did not seriously compete in the heavier material ranges—she concentrated on elaborate silks and satins, brocades and taffetas. And this

they went to extreme—the hobble-skirts were so tight that at one house even the mannequins had trouble with them—and asked for the carpets to be lifted so that they could glide along the parquet floor! As one male observer was heard to comment unhappily, "Either their skirts are too tight to let them sit down, or they are buttoned up to the eyebrows and we can't see their faces!"

Paris, It's Late!

In brief, flowing top coats are still there, silks are tight-skirted and loose-jacketed, collars are high and wide, and skirts are slightly shorter. In the London spring collections all this had been seen.

Helena Giffers showed a "barrel jacket" suit—in Paris a week later, Marcel Rochas showed the self-same line. And it happened again and again.



THE "DISTURBED HEMLINE" is this: Ronald Peterson's young formal short dress with laced neckline and capped sleeves. It is seen all over London in a variety of ways. Here it swoops up daintily at each side, for a change, showing the knees. It is made of gleaming bronze tulle with black polka dots all over, and is fresh and original.

night, and the designers, looking so very much a part of the fabulous scene that is at once Fashion, and French, blew kisses to their audiences, and handed out dainty monogrammed fans for their comfort.

But where was the new line we had come to see?

These were the autumn collections, important ones, and buyers and press representatives from all parts of the world were congregated in this gayest of capitals. The sad truth must be faced.

There is no new line.

Paris played with vast collars, muffled us to the noses with chiffon ruffles, and M. Dior threw in several dresses that might have been lifted from the pages of any fashion magazine of the 'twenties—with skirts short enough for us to do the Charleston in, if we felt inclined that way. (He slyly introduced one of these low-waisted, short-skirted efforts in his previous collection—just to give us a foretaste of things to come. We hoped at the time it was a passing whim, but then, hope always springs eternal, etc.).



DORVILLE's tea green dress in fine wool with white ruffle at neck, like pie-crust proves attractive and original.

In one field in which Britain stands a reasonable chance of coming out on top, not only through imagination and skill in handling tweeds and worsted, but also through many years of practice.

DIOR has used the thickest possible "door-mat" tweeds for his winter coats. He borrowed an idea from the cloaks worn by the French shepherds of the Pyrenees—so loose they are almost circular, and can be wrapped round in double thickness in cold weather. In some other models the dolman sleeve is so low that it appears like a shoulder cape.

The main Paris theme seemed to incline towards very tight "hobble-skirts" relieved by sheath-like overskirts, floating panels, or side drapery. But

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

FOR A MODEST START



VERY POPULAR TODAY IS THE HOUSE whose plan can begin modestly, and can be expanded later as needs may require and finances allow. The view above shows this house in its two-bedroom aspect. Its design permits a rear wing to be added, providing two more bedrooms, lavatory.

By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

THE young couple with just enough money to start out modestly in their quest for a new home will be interested in the houses pictured here.

The house above is so designed that it can start out as a two-bedroom home, with a rear wing to be added when and if desired, or the whole thing can be built at once.

Without the additional wing, the "expandable" house has an area of 23,000 cubic feet, while the addition gives it another 4,800 cubic feet. The plan for the rear wing is such that no demolition would be required to build it on. Joined to the original house, it can be entered from the house through a door from the bedroom hall, or from a connecting door that may lead to a garage or play yard.

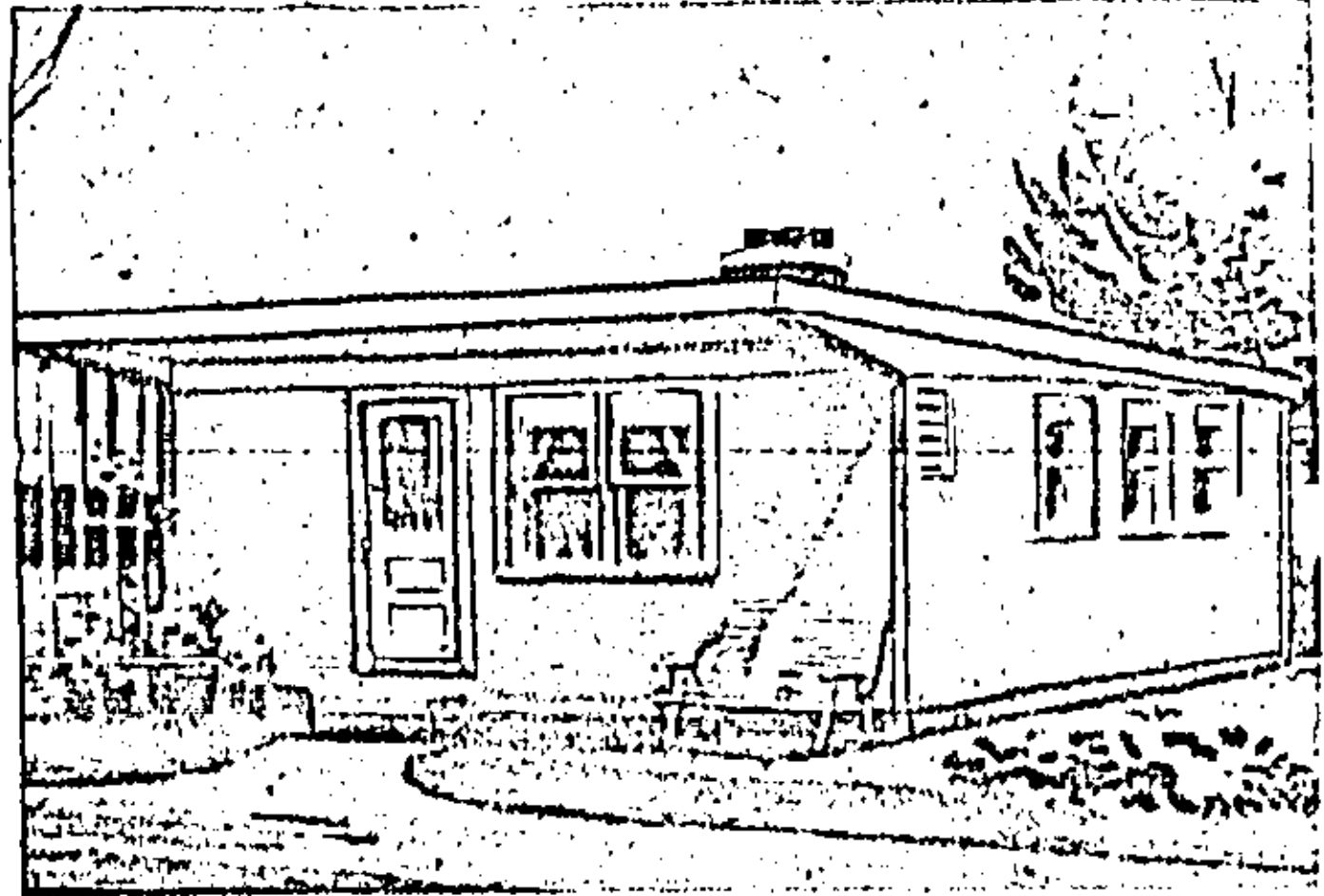
But whether a two-bedroom or a four-bedroom home, it is ample spacious, with a large living room dividing the service area from the sleeping quarters. Dining space is provided at one end of the living room, with

entrance to the kitchen at one side, and to the bedroom hall at the other. Simple in design, the house is planned to have white stucco walls and roof of red or black bricks.

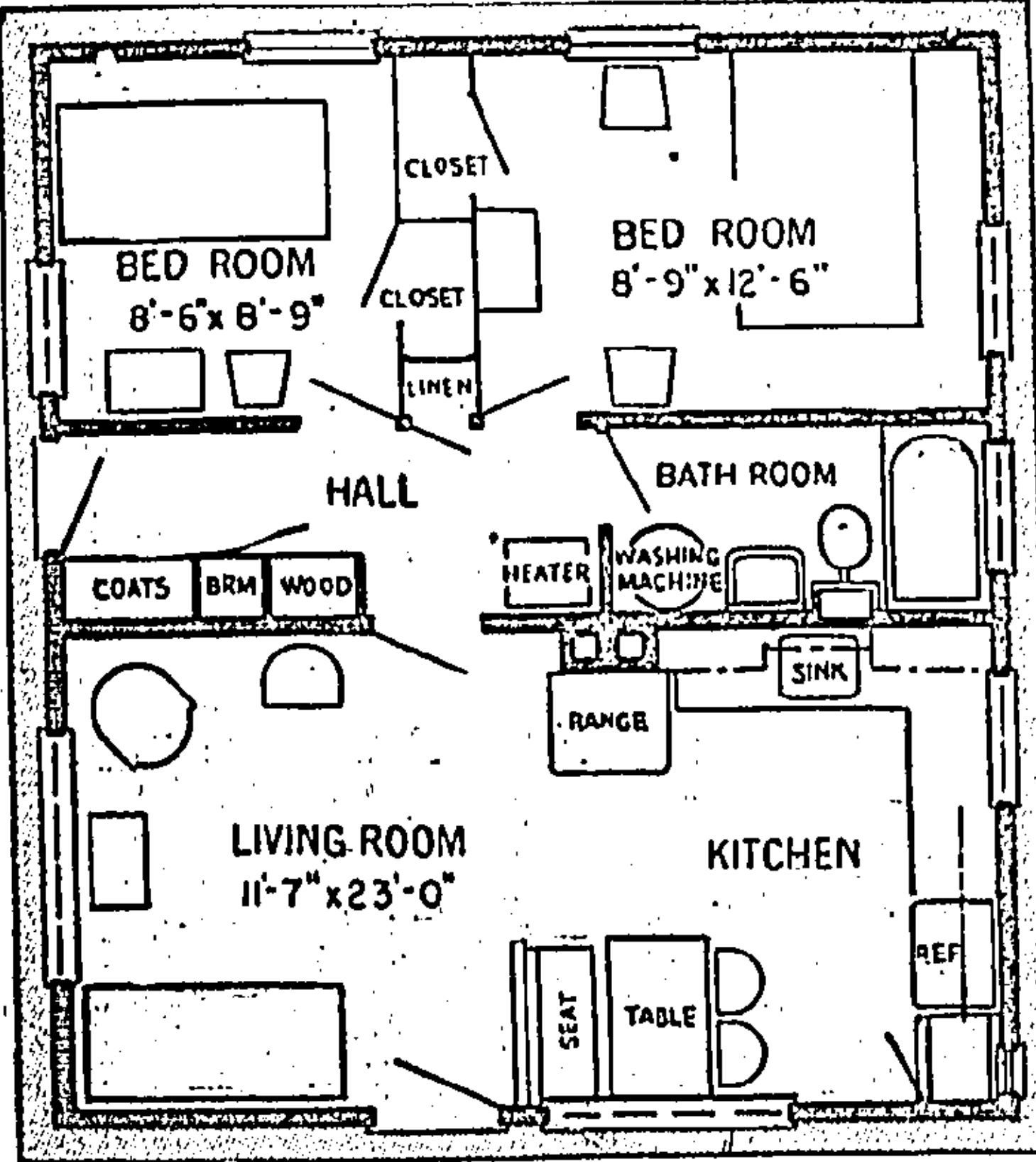
The two pictures below show the same house, with different type roofs. This is a so-called "minimum shelter" house, containing just enough room for two people—or possibly two people with small children who can "double up" in a tiny bedroom—to live in comfortable compactness.

The "minimum shelter" house has living room, kitchen and two bedrooms, with the kitchen opening directly off the living room, and the dining table located to the side to effect a feeling of division between them. Laundry facilities are in the bathroom, and the heater is just outside in the hall.

The area of this small home is said to be twice that of one of the larger-sized trailers, and the cost estimated to be about the same as buying the trailer. Building it with the flat, instead of the gable roof cuts the cost somewhat.



IF THE HOUSE IS built with a flat roof, construction costs will be somewhat lower. A possible variation in the front window style is also shown.



THE LIVING AREA OF THE HOUSE is said to be about twice that of the larger trailers.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

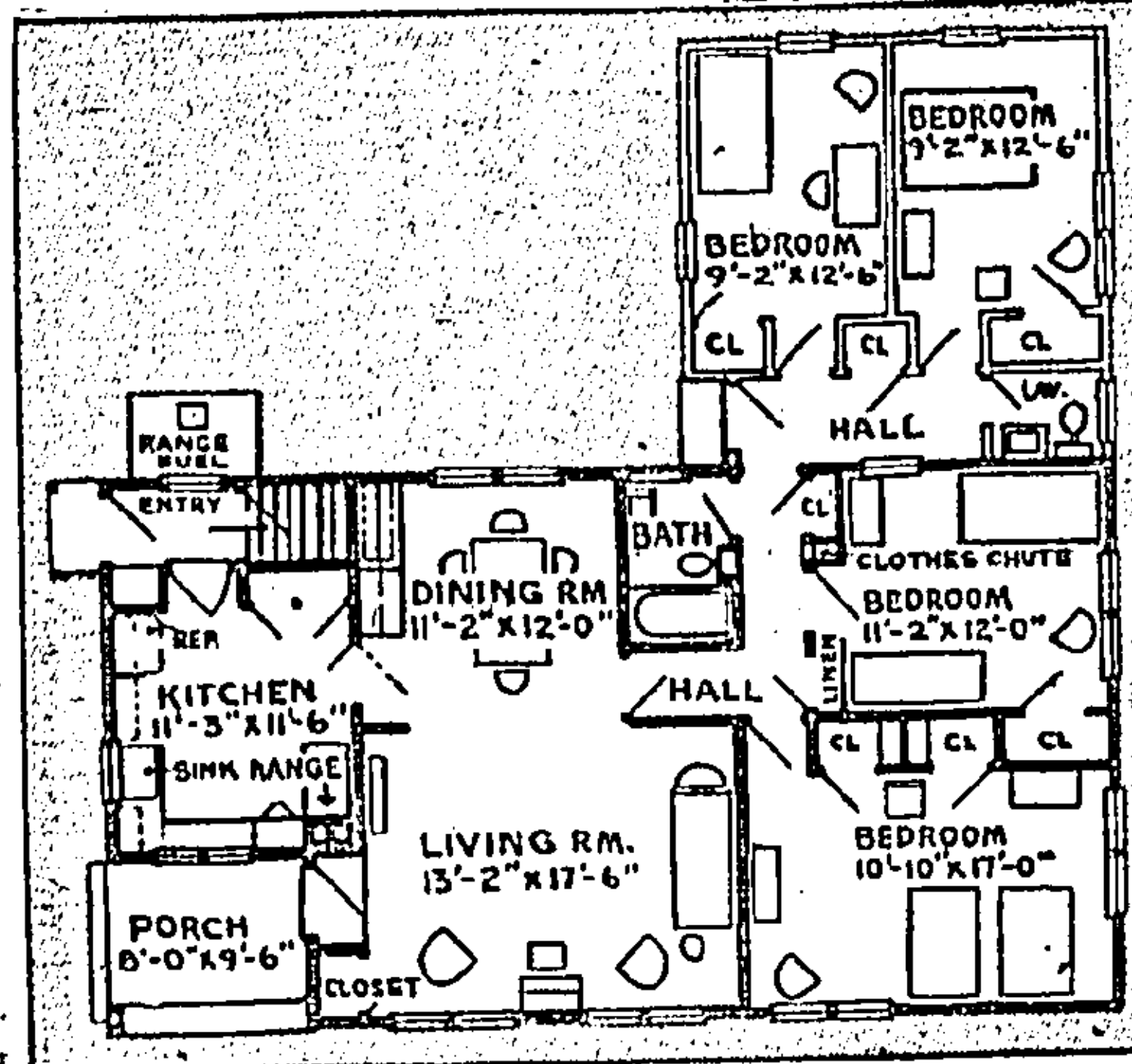
BE sure to keep cleaning compounds out of the reach of children. Many of them are poisonous.

Do not use turpentine, gasoline or other mineral spirits on asphalt tile. If you do, the colours will surely run.

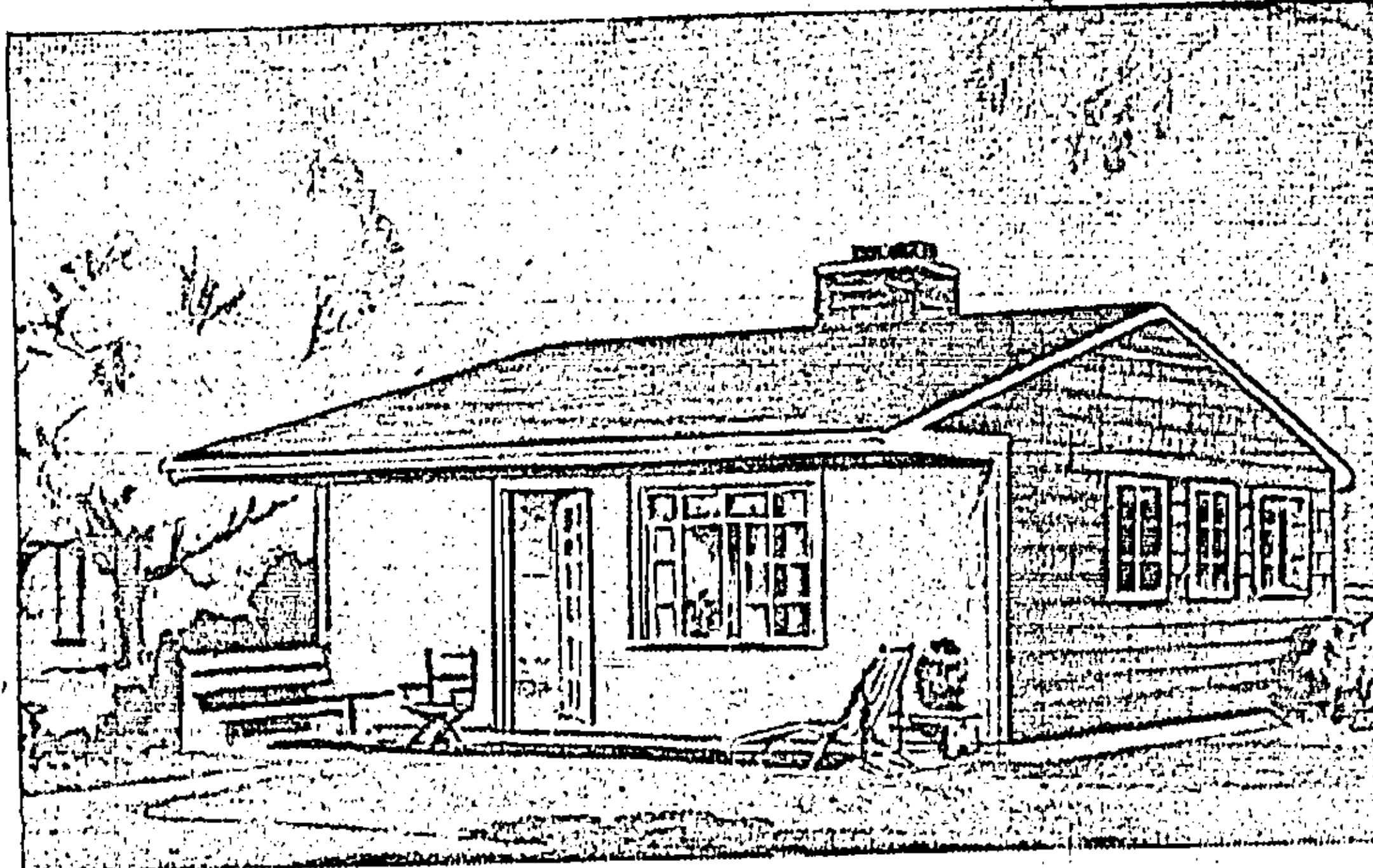
A windy—but not too windy—sunny day is best for wash-

ing blankets, so that they will dry quickly and keep their fluffiness. Hanging too long in the sun will fade cotton blankets and may scorch woolen ones.

To prevent baby from tipping over his highchair, put a screen door hook on the back of the chair, and hook-eyes on the wall so that the chair can be safely secured.



HERE IS THE INTERIOR PLAN, showing the house in its expanded form. The five-room section in the foreground, of course, is the original house.



THIS HOUSE, AND THE ONE on the left, are the same, except for the difference in the roofs. Definitely a "minimum shelter" house, it would nicely fill the needs of bride and groom, or young people with very small children.

LEARN TO IRON WITH EFFICIENCY

By ELEANOR ROSS

NEW and improved irons on the market feature better automatic fabric dials, new lighter weights, and other improvements. No matter how improved the iron, there's still the personal know-how necessary to be a first class ironer. And as what has to be done might just as well be as good a task as possible, here are some hints to help.

Ironing the family wash can be a discouraging, tiresome task, if you use the wrong methods. But if the proper procedures are followed, the task goes quickly and well, and every article emerges with a new finish, a high gloss.

First, have as good an ironing board as you can manage, and have it adjusted to a pleasant height, so that you can do the job sitting down. Have the surface well padded and top this with a clean, light-fitting cover, which should be kept clean by frequent washing. Old sheets make fine covers.

Clothes Basket

Make things as easy as possible for yourself by placing the clothes basket on a stool at your left, and have a rack or table at your right for the ironed pieces. A good iron has tapering sides, a narrow point to negotiate buttons, and a cool

handle. Iron single thicknesses when possible. Iron on the next dry before starting on the next. Always iron with the weave of the fabric, up and down or across, not on the bias. When ironing coloured clothes that are not colour fast, use an extra muslin cloth over the ironing board to avoid staining the cover.

Cotton or linen fabrics should be dampened for the best results, and they may be ironed on either the wrong or the right side. Iron pillow-cases from the closed end to the hem on both sides. Iron tablecloths first on the wrong side, then on the right. Do not press all the folds with the iron. The lengthwise crease down the centre of the cloth may be ironed, but the other folds should be made by hand. Iron creases do not lie as flat on the table as do unironed folds.

Ironing Sheets

To save time when ironing sheets, iron all four thicknesses at once, folding lengthwise, then crosswise, with the top hem on the outside. If sheets are folded smoothly when removed from the line, ironing the top hem may be sufficient. At least, that is what we have discovered. Hang flat pieces on a rack to dry thoroughly before putting away.

To keep table mats or dollies smooth, roll on cardboard rolls or lay flat in a drawer. This is why we store all rolls from paper towels and such. And, if

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Dietary Menu For Grandma

WE hear a great deal about the "increased expectancy of life." And here's proof: During the last ten years the number of persons over 65 years of age in America has increased at a rate almost five times the increase in the general population. Each year more and more elderly persons are with us. And whether or not they keep well and happy depends to a great extent on their diet. The medical profession has recognized this fact, and has launched a new phase of the science of nutrition called geriatrics, or the feeding of the aging.

What makes the feeding of the elderly difficult is that they have accumulated a long list of food likes and dislikes, which often make them demand foods they should not eat, and refuse those they really need.

Psychologist-dietitian

So if grandma or grandpa, or great-aunt Sue is living in your home, you will have to play the part of an amateur psychologist as well as dietitian to provide meals they will eat and enjoy. For if food is not enjoyed it is not well digested.

But this means cooking two sets of meals, one for the family and one for the old people, you protest. Not if you plan carefully. Many foods enjoyed by the family can be eaten by the elderly; and many foods the elderly should eat will be enjoyed by the whole family.

In general, harsh roughage foods should not be used for the elderly. These include very tough whole grain breads and cereals, salads and raw vegetables, melons (unless very ripe), and raw seed berries. Starches, sugars and fats must be restricted in order to combat or prevent overweight. In general, the food should be plain with little or no frying.

The foods to be emphasized are meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cottage and American cheese, a reasonable amount of milk, enriched bread, about a slice a meal, butter or margarine, soft enriched fine grain cereals, con-

verted rice, quickly cook vegetables and simple desserts such as custards, gelatins, whips, ice cream, stewed fruit, ripe bananas, sliced oranges, grapefruit sections and tinned fruits. Two glasses of milk a day are sufficient. This can be taken with the cereals, in coffee or tea, or used in making cream soups, creamed vegetables or in desserts the whole family can enjoy.

Breakfast could consist of orange juice, dark farina with milk, crisp bacon, a slice of enriched bread toast with butter or margarine, and coffee or tea with milk. (The same sort of meal the whole family should eat.)

Baked Potato

Lunch might consist of a baked potato, scrambled eggs, creamed chopped spinach, a baked apple and tea. (The same sort of menu you provide for young children and yourself.)

As for dinner, just follow the menu in this column. Your husband and the children and you yourself will enjoy it. And it contains the elements needed by both your toddler and the elderly persons in your home. Moreover, it is "easy to eat." The only food that should be omitted is the lettuce; but only when elderly teeth are in "poor" condition.

Plenty of fluids should be provided, as after 70 years water is often insufficiently held in the tissues.

If the elderly appetite is finicky, it may be necessary to provide nutritional supplements, such as a preparation of amino acids to make up protein deficiencies. Or vitamins and minerals may be needed. These may be obtained in combination with dry skim milk, which of course provides "protein, and which can be served as a chocolate milk drink, as a milk shake or as cocoa.

Dinner

Cream of Corn Soup,
Stewed Chicken
Savoury Spoon Bread
Peach and Ginger Jam
Green Tea
Pickled Beets on Lettuce
Coffee Spongo-Gel
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Savoury Spoon Bread

In a bowl mix together 1 c. and 2 tbs. enriched cornmeal, 1/2 c. all-purpose flour 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. marjoram, 1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning and 1/2 tsp. grated onion. Then pour in 1 1/2 c. scalded milk or buttermilk mixed with 1/2 c. sweet milk; stir in 1 beaten egg. In a heavy 8 in. frying pan melt 2 tbs. butter, margarine or shortening. Pour in the cornmeal mixture; over it pour an additional 1/2 c. milk but do not stir this in. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. To be a real success this should have a custard-like layer in the centre. Serve hot in place of potatoes.

Coffee Spongo-Gel

Put 1 1/2 envelopes unflavoured gelatin into a cup and add 1/4 c. strong coffee beverage. Let stand 5 min. Then dissolve over hot water and stir into 1 1/2 c. additional strong coffee beverage. Sweeten with 1/2 c. granulated sugar. Add a few grains salt and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Chill until as thick as honey. Then beat 2 egg whites stiff and add to the gelatin. Whip steadily until cream coloured, using a rotary egg beater or an electric mixer. Transfer to a mould or individual custard cups, which have been rinsed in cold water. Chill until stiff, from 3 to 4 hrs. Unmould and serve with slightly sweetened plain or whipped cream.

Trick of the Chef

For a nice flavour, sweeten whipped cream with grated maple sugar.

If You've Eaten Bugs & Insects...

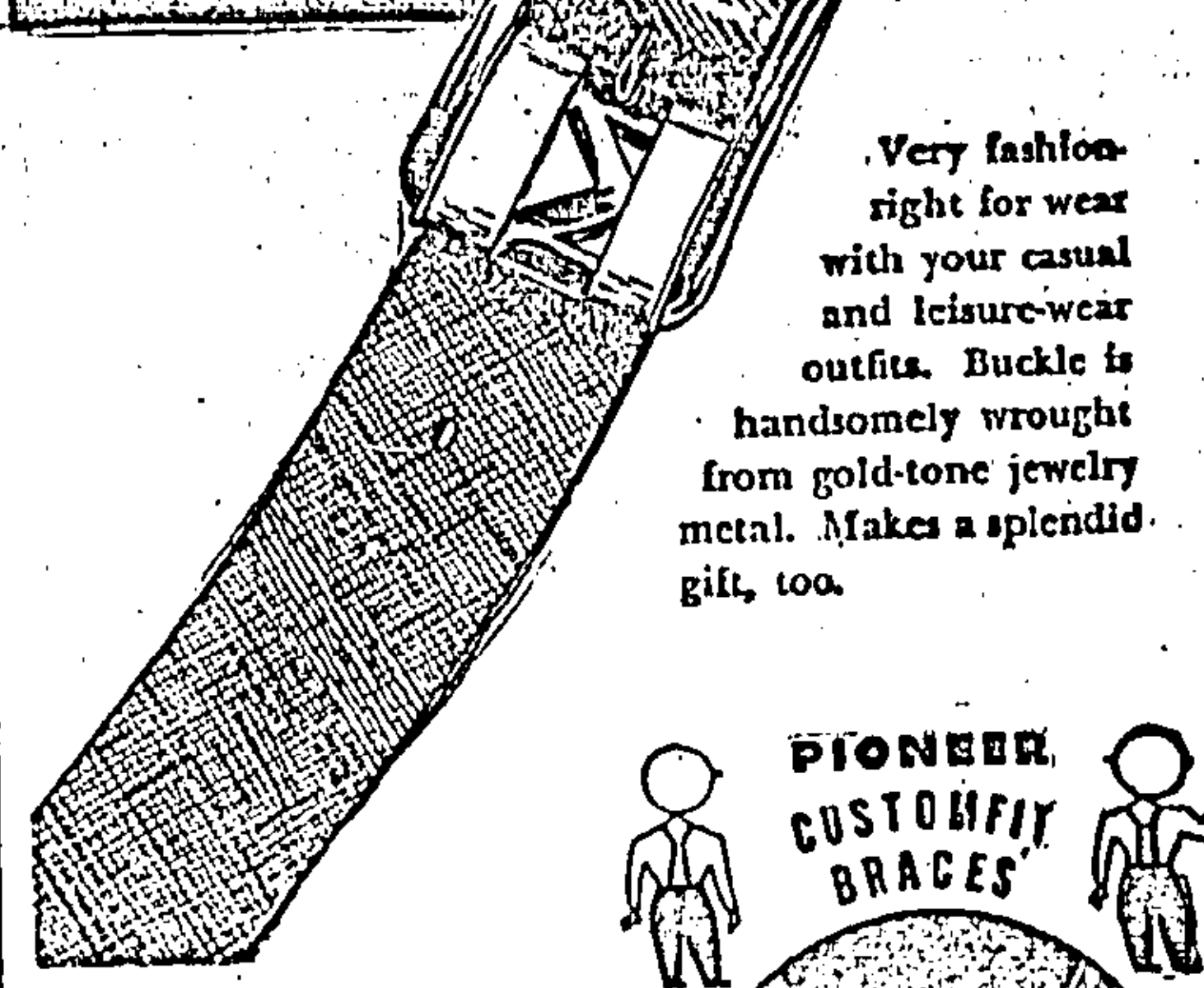
BERKELEY, Cal.—You've probably eaten your share of bugs and insects in fruits and salads, but don't worry about it, says Professor E. O. Essig, University of California entomologist. In fact, Essig said, bugs are often very nourishing and have been eaten by man for thousands of years.

Locusts are still part of the regular diets in the Orient, Australia, Africa and the Americas. Water bugs are food in most parts of tropical Asia, and their eggs are gathered as a sort of caviar in Mexico. Certain west coast Indians, the California scientist said, had a favourite dish of ten caterpillars.

Essig said insects contain quantities of carbohydrates, fats, protein and nitrogen, but are not a reliable source of vitamins.

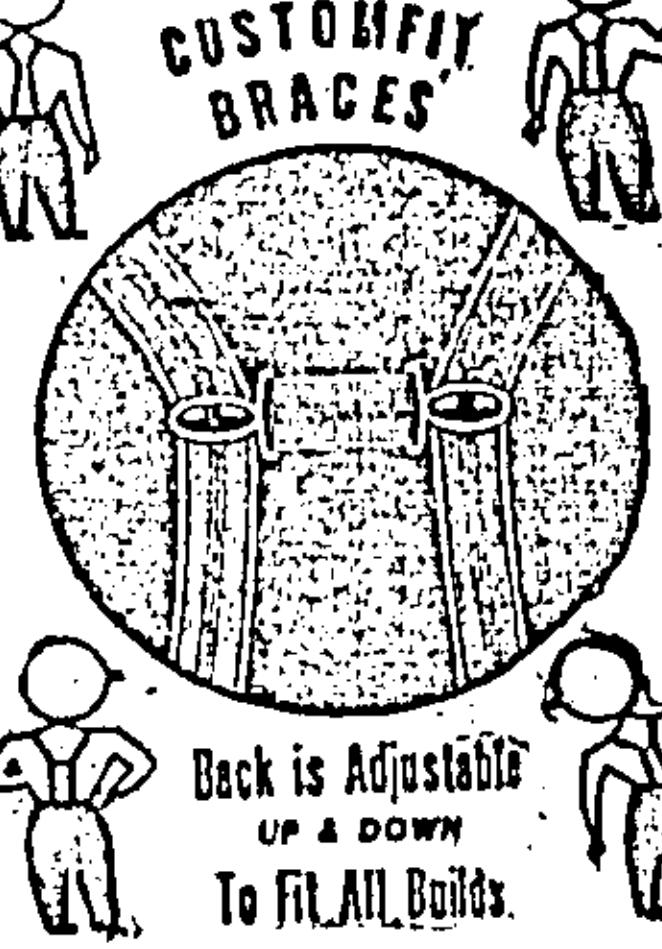
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MR T. G. Strangeways and his bride, formerly Miss K. N. G. Scott, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



HE the Officer Administering the Government, Mr J. F. Nicoll, (second from left), greets Committee members of the Nine Dragons Club for the Forces, which he opened in Kowloon this week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Michaelmas Ball held at the Hongkong Hotel last week in aid of the School for the Deaf was a rousing success. Above and below are shown two of the many parties that attended. On the left is a close-up of Miss Chow Shuen, the noted film actress, entertaining the gathering with a Chinese song. Below that, some dancers are snapped during a pause. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

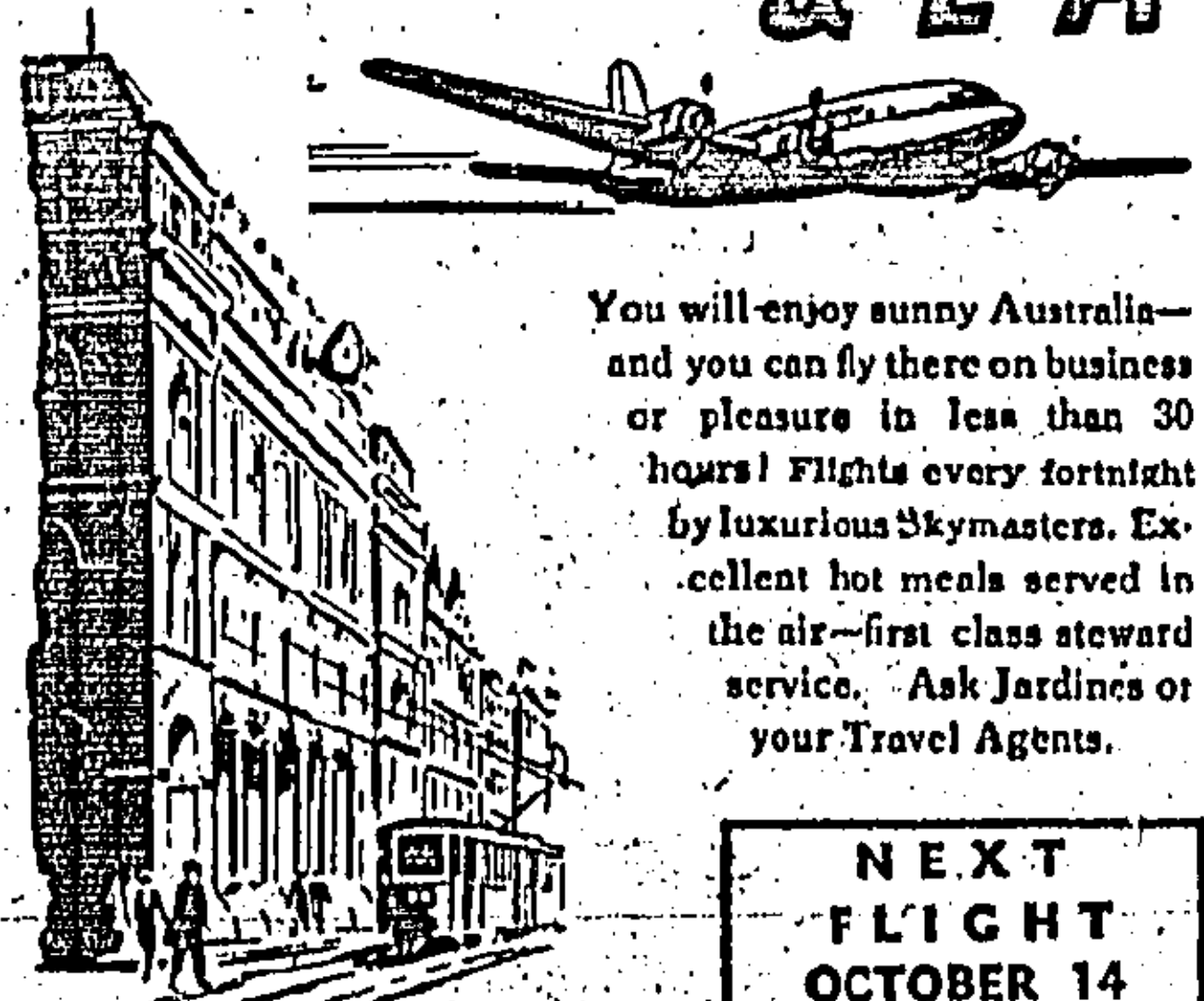


KOWLOON ladies looking after the needs of Servicemen at the opening of the Nine Dragons Club. On the right HE the Officer Administering the Government, Mr J. F. Nicoll (extreme right) has a chat with some of the soldiers who attended. Below that is a picture of another group on the same evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



YOUNG friends of little Patricia Stevens, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Stevens, pose for their picture at her birthday party. (Ming Yuen)

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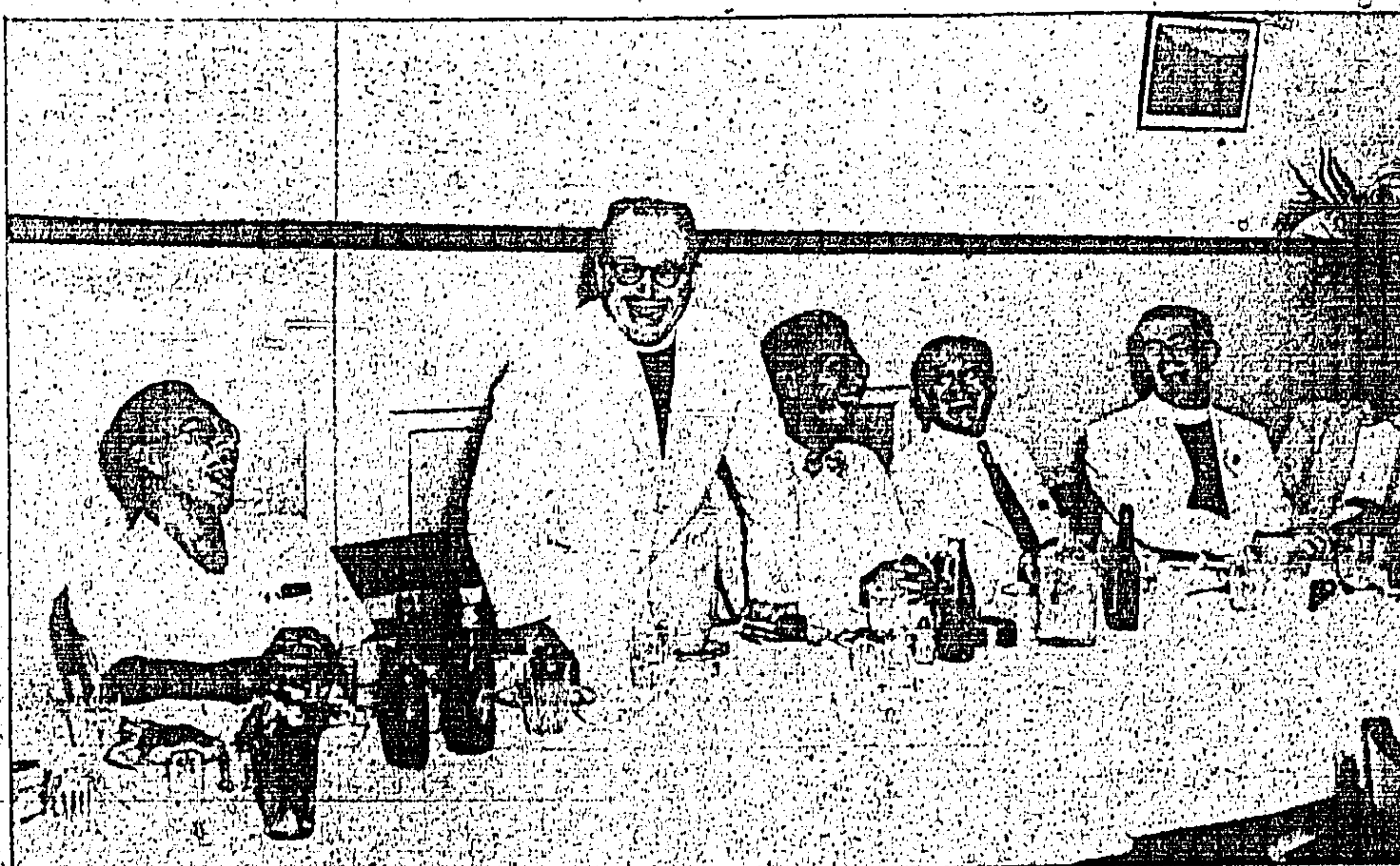


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Most fantastic holiday year

In London last week two girls finished a most remarkable holiday.

PAULINE MANDER, aged 22, daughter of an industrialist, and BRIDGET ASSHETON, also 22, daughter of the Hon. Ralph Ashteton, M.P., decided in April that they would hitch-hike through

Africa. They had no plans and they did not know the route.

It took them four months, through desert, jungle, volcanic mountains, and tropical loveliness, through the Africa of the European and the Africa of the native—9,500 miles in all. Here is their story.

by PAULINE MANDER

WITH two suitcases and three bundles, Bridget and I flew out from Johannesburg on April 15 to our jumping-off point. "Foolish," said our friends, "two girls hitch-hiking a continent."

They said we should be stranded in the Congo. At best, we should be back in a fortnight. At the worst, we might be swallowed up and never heard of again.

Into the plane we humped two topees in a hatbox, two mosquito nets—and one mackintosh.

We dispensed with smart dresses and retained only two or three cotton frocks. "For jungle occasions."

For the same reason we each clung to one pair of nylon stockings, lipstick, and a pair of eyelash curlers.

25 MEN TO ONE WOMAN HERE

WE CAUSED a sensation when we landed at Salisbury, Rhodesia. There are 25 men to one woman in this town.

We spent six days touring the country free. We saw a lot of tobacco.

Major Roy Farran and Colonel David Stirling, the Western Desert war heroes, met us. They have started a new life in Rhodesia.

One of their less strenuous enterprises is the Central African News Review to promote a United States of Africa. Bridget and I promised to send contributions.

We reached Victoria Falls by train, second class. The room at the B.O.A.C. hotel cost 30s. a night, which is hard on two tramps. We saw the falls by moonlight, and got wet through in "the forest of rain."

Next day a small boat took us down the Zambezi. Now we proceeded to roam into the Belgian Congo, in the very heart of the continent.

The train for Elisabethville, the Congo's most southern town, left Victoria Falls five hours late, the native drivers having gone to a dance.

And the journey proved to be more than 30 hours of slow going.

PARTY ON EDGE OF THE JUNGLE

IMAGINE OUR astonishment when a reception committee met us at Elisabethville station!

It happened that the Sabena Air Line was that evening throwing a party to open a guest house in the town. We had been expected as "two British girl journalists."

The head of the company attended the party. Women guests were very chic. European waiters served caviare, foie gras and endless cocktails.

We were saved. The drinking and the chatter went on all night and no one desired us to write a line.

Elisabethville, with its 5,000 white inhabitants, entertained us for five days.

It was an enthralling experience, like living through a scene in a Wild West film after someone strikes gold.

Buildings were rising with incredible speed. There was a great bustle of trade and nearly everybody appeared to have money.

But we had not beheld the finest jewel of the Congo, they told us, until we had seen Lake Kivu.

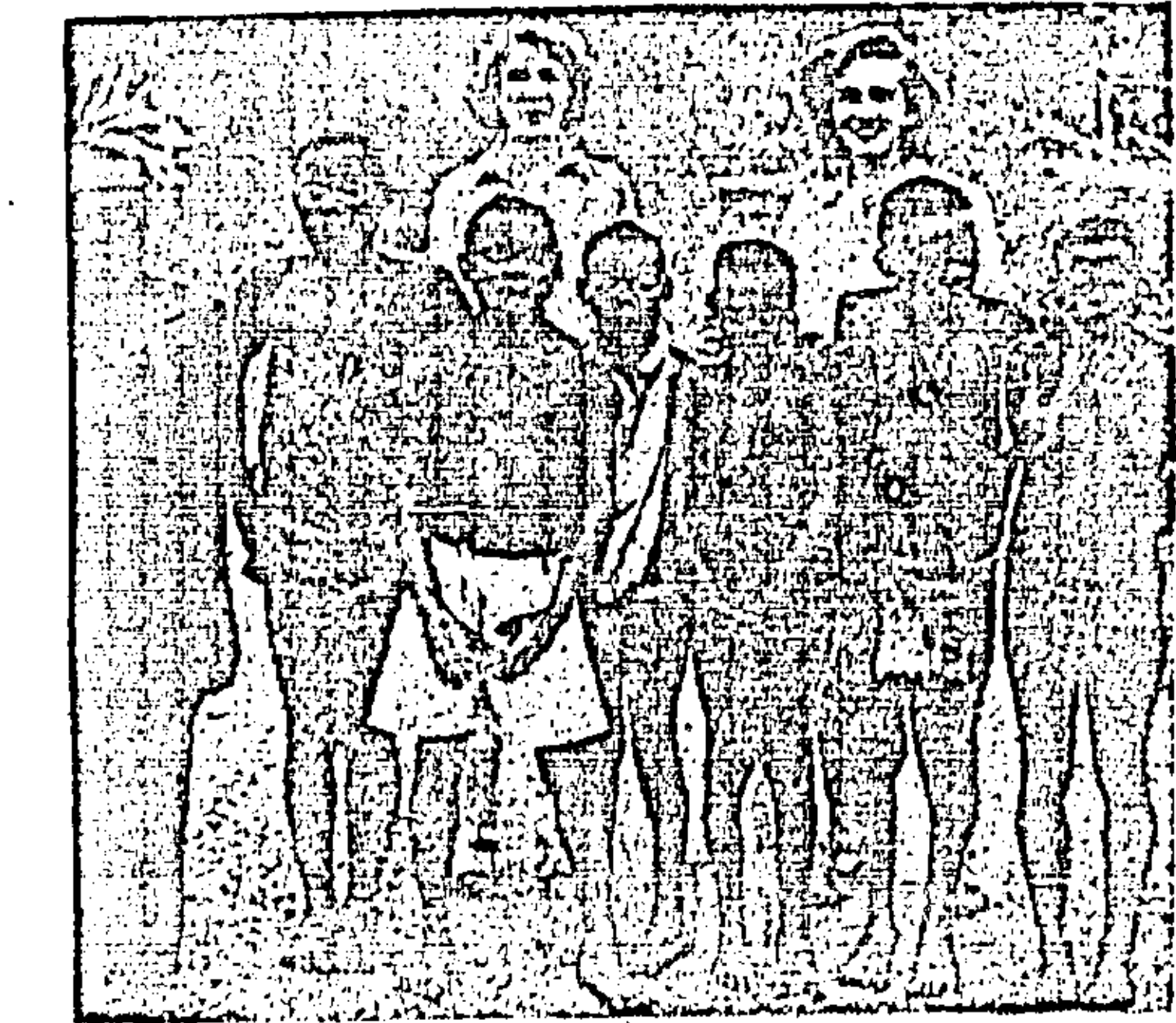
LIVING RIVIERA LIFE IN AFRICA

SO ON APRIL 20 we "humped" a lift in a freight plane which flew us nearly 800 miles deeper into the colony.

Kivu is 62 miles long, the highest lake in Africa, with a



Pauline Mander



Pigmies parade for the two "white queens" on the jungle trail, between Butembo and Stanleyville.

horner to complete our fairy tale.

Du Chasteler showed us the wonders of the Congo by water, land, and air.

OUR FRIEND CURED BY A BUFFALO

IT IS PLEASANT, indeed, being a European in the Congo. The natives appear still unspoiled and are pleased to work for the whites.

At Kisumu at the northern tip of Kivu I saw the first volcano glowing a deep red at night, as if to remind us of the savagery beyond.

An American took us on a big-game hunt near Mutwanga, close to the Mountains of the Moon. He shot a buffalo, but the wounded animal made a death charge and gored him in the back of the head.

With only elementary knowledge of first aid and with primitive help, we became nurses to a desperately injured man.

It became my duty to shave round the wound, six inches long and two inches wide, before a medical student at a jungle mission ten miles off attempted to suture it with stale catgut.

We stayed with the American. Bridget driving him many miles until we found a doctor 40 miles away.

ONE OF OUR wildest thrills was to travel the 1,100-mile return journey from Stanleyville, in the Congo, along the same jungle route followed by Stanley the explorer.

We threaded through the same thick forests attacked by swarms of insects and breathing the same unhealthy humidity. But at least we had a fine sandy track to follow.

Pigmy tribes came out from the mahogany trees and danced in honour of "the two white queens."

Midget chiefs commanded their bands to play strange music to mark our visit, and we were presented with a bow and arrow.

I had a feeling if this had been the usual trek for tourists there would have been a charge for the bow and arrow. As it was, we gave the pigmies a few cigarettes and they were happy.

British territory was reached after a hair-raising ride from Butembo to Kichwamba, by the side of Lake George, in the cab of a fish lorry driven by a black driver.

Immensely proud of his white passengers, the driver stopped to show us off in every village he passed. Each time he stopped he drank a jug of pombi, the native beer.

Soon our drunken driver was tearing madly along at 70 miles an hour.

This was far more terrifying than any lions or wild elephants we had come close to.

A 'PEEPSHOW' FOR THE BLACKS

AT LAKE GEORGE, in Uganda, we took the native bus to reach Kichwamba. As the only white travellers we were bundled with all our luggage into a tiny box compartment.

Throughout the trip we became a peepshow for the blacks, who circled us at each stop and merely stared.

The fare was 4d. each for the 15-mile journey.

THE THREE LONELY BRITONS

AT KICHWAMBA, a tiny settlement overlooking the great Rift Valley, we encountered three lone Britons, who must surely be worth a book.

One was Mrs Stephenson, an elderly woman who has run the only hotel for many years. I never learned why she had chosen this remote spot in which to live.

Mrs Croft-Murray, apparently her only other guest, was 60 years old, and so possessed by wanderlust since her husband, a Guards officer, was killed in the 1914-18 war that she does not desire to return to Britain.

The third white person was Mr Temple Perkins, aged 71. He sat in a tent peering into the valley with his binoculars, waiting to shoot his third bull elephant for the year. The tusks, he told us, were worth £100 to him.

We left him waiting. When I got back to England a card reached me from Temple Perkins. He had shot his elephant.

Two British petrol salesmen took us on to Fort Portal, where their car broke down.

Here we were stranded three days at the Mountains of the Moon Hotel—12s. a day all meals included—whose telegraphic address is "Romance."

'NO POT LUCK' SAID THE CHIEF

AT KAMPALA, in Central Uganda, we were entertained to cocktails by the Kabaka (or king) of Buganda. This young, Cambridge-educated chieftain talked English more perfectly than either Bridget or I.

As our talk ended the Kabaka drew in his cultured voice: "I'm very sorry I can't ask you to take pot luck at dinner as we are only having native food tonight."

In Kampala we put up this notice in garages and hotels: "Two English girls require lift to Nairobi. Any offers?"

The answer came from an Italian business man working for a British firm: "I have a Rapide. Would you care to fly with me?"

And that is how the two tramps got to Nairobi, 600 miles away, for nothing, and in time for a free lunch.

THE EMPEROR TALKS TO US

WE HITCH-HIKED next to Addis Ababa on a freight plane.

An Abyssinian policeman stopped us from taking photographs in the airport and told us to see the Minister of Propaganda.

The Minister of Propaganda took us to see the Emperor.

Hailo Selassie received us. It was the most shattering oration of all.

We made our way in our cotton socks up the long hall by means of three deep curries.

We shook hands with the impressive, khaki-clad figure and sat down, notebooks in hand.

We were apparently expected to ask intelligent questions for half an hour, but never have I been struck so dumb.

I was longing to make conversation about the Emperor's little pom-pom, or his beautiful furniture, but speaking through an interpreter put small talk right out of court.

The Emperor came to our rescue. He asked how we liked his country, remarked that he was fond of Britain and hoped to revisit here.

Then we made our exit, backing down the long room and bobbing half the distance. His Imperial Majesty bowed each time we bobbed, and Bridget's knees were making ghastly cracks.

Nothing that remained of our hike was more than an anti-climax to that interview.

We were spared the indignity of the Emperor seeing us take a lift in a freight plane full of raw hides in order to reach Asmara.

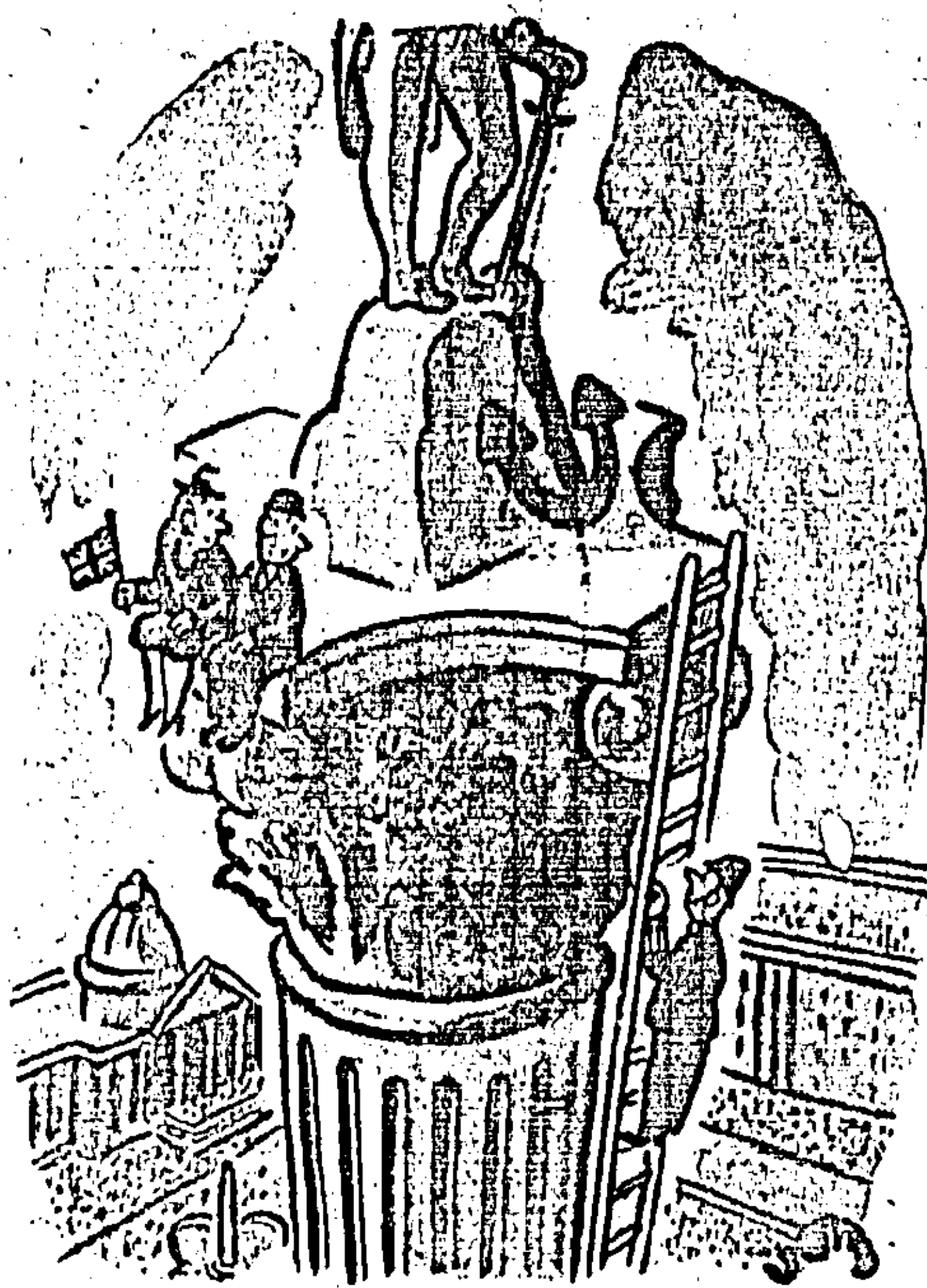
At Asmara we boarded a regular passenger plane to Cairo, for our tramping days were over.

RUDENESS OF THE EGYPTIANS

OF CAIRO I only wish to record the intense rudeness of Egyptian officials towards all Britons. We were even manhandled by the police.

After holidaying in Italy and spending time in Switzerland and Paris, I returned to my home in Notting Hill Gate a few days ago.

(London Express Service)



"But, officer, we've just paid twenty guineas for these seats to a gentleman in Charing Cross-road!"

Tip from a tight-wad

OVER a final cup of coffee the other before-dawn, the head waiter at my night club got to talking about the tipping habits of present-day customers compared to the splurgers and show-offs of Jimmy Walker's day.

"I doubt whether there's been a hundred-dollar tip in this town since Prohibition," I said.

"There've been a few," said the head waiter. "Matter of fact, I heard about a guy who left a thousand-dollar tip not long ago."

"Was he a loony?"

"No," said the head waiter, "he was a retired business man. Mitkins by name, and he manufactured Roman candles until the safety laws caught up with him."

"Millionaire?"

"You'd never guess it from the way he tipped. He used to dine regularly at a restaurant on East Eighth Street, and on Mondays he'd leave a nickel, on Tuesdays a dime, and so on until Friday, when he'd shoot the works and leave a whole quarter for the waitress."

"How come the girls didn't poison him?"

"There was talk of it," said the head waiter. "Any way, as I got the story, Mitkins came in one Monday and plopped himself down at a table which was being serviced by a girl named Emily, who'd been around the hash houses for a long time. Knowing of his tipping habits, Emily decided to wish him off on somebody else, and the logical candidate was a waitress named Judy, who hadn't been in New York very long."

"Tell ya what I'll do, kid," Emily told her, "you're new here, and I want ya to get off to a good start. I'll trade ya my station up front for that man's hand of yours near the kitchen."

"Judy thanked her, and all that week took care of Mitkins—and the funny part of it was she didn't seem to mind his miserly tips."

"That Friday night, when Mitkins handed her the big quarter, Judy smiled at him as if he were Gregory Peck, and the next day—Sunday—the old cove came back to her table for meal number six. And when he left, there was a thousand-dollar bill under his water glass."

"It's exactly like I thought," Judy informed the other waitresses. "When someone likes Mr Mitkins for himself, and gives him real service, he doesn't care how much he gives away."

"When the Roman candle king showed up the following Monday, Emily steered him to her table, and for the next five days kept inquiring. If there were any dainties she could smuggle out of the kitchen for him. And on Friday when he handed her the quarter, she did everything but give him her phone number."

As a result, Mitkins came back the second Saturday in a row and again left a bill under his water glass—only this time it was a buck.

"Judy, of course, had an explanation for that one, too. 'Mr. Mitkins is very observant, all along that Emily was only being nice because she was after his money.'

"But this theory was knocked into a hamburger skillet a few nights later when Mr Mitkins walked in and demanded to see the manager."

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OPENING OF SOFTBALL SEASON TOMORROW

By "STARDUST"

October. Pennant fluttering in the breeze. Crowds in eager anticipation. Pomp and ceremony. The traditional parade of competing teams. The Prexy's inaugural pep talk. Dignitaries unlimbering their arms. "Play Ball!"

Another softball pennant campaign will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon at the fence-enclosed CBA ball park when the American Consul-General Mr Karl L. Rankin, will perform the traditional function of tossing out the first ball to launch the 1949/50 flag chase.

All the fanfare and pomp associated with Opening Day in the Colony's thriving pastime will go towards making this august occasion an unprecedented success in the hoary annals of local softball.

Softball fans will converge in droves on the velvety CBA ball field, Mecca of softball fame and fortune, to lend their plaudits and brickbats to the festive day.

The 34 competing teams will be on hand, resplendently attired in their colourful diamond livery for the big parade. The championship squads of last year have been accorded the honour of leading the march with the other contingents following behind in alphabetical sequence.

Team managers are solicited to give their earnest co-operation to see that their teams are on the field and ready for the march at 2.15 p.m.

The local Muselmans' Union will send an orchestra to provide music. A large number of local dignitaries have been invited to grace the function by their presence.

TOPPING ALL NEWS

Topping all news of the preparations now in progress for Sunday's grand opening. Softball Association, announced on Wednesday that the Central British Association and the Education Department, the CBA park will be available for league games on Saturday afternoon and full Sundays, thereby alleviating the shortage of grounds which faced the Schedule Committee some weeks ago.

Banquets of thanks go to the Central British Association and the Education Department for the loan of their spacious grounds for the season. The gesture was made at a most opportune time and is deeply appreciated by the Association and all its members.

Sparked by the unprecedented popularity of the traditional parade, Consul-General Karl L. Rankin will trot out to the balling club and toss out the first pitch to send a titanic six-month softball season on its merry way.

President "Doc" Molthen, as usual, will call "Play Ball!" in his raucous holler after the first pitch has been tossed out. Doc's two words when uttered will be sweet music to countless numbers of eager softball puritans.

Taking the arena for the inaugural tilt are the United States Navy, represented by the gobs from the USS Gardiners Bay, and the Hong Kong Pandas, comprised of Shanghai, London, and others.

Brains, brawn, experience, and speed will be thrown into the melting pot of diamond competition in this tilt as the two squads battle for the singular honour of grabbing the Opening Day spotlight.

READY TO START

The Hong Kong Pandas are ready to start their campaign tomorrow afternoon. Mentor Y.C. Mei has had several workouts recently and is quite confident that his boys will not disappoint. The Pandas are formed around several star players of a team of the same name which capped the Shanghai Softball League title last season.

Wally Ma, who joined the pennant-winning Canucks late last season, is skipper of the team. The Pandas are reported to have three pitchers in the team, and as pitching forms almost eighty percent of a team's strength, they should be strong in this department of the game.

They are also reputed to be fancy fielders and quite capable at the squeeze play in which runs are forced in on bunting plays.

The Pandas roster consists of 15 players. With Y.C. Mei as Manager, the team will include: Curly Chao, Walter Chen, C. T. Cheng, Freddie Holt, Wally Ma, Kenneth Tang, Raymond Tsao, Hannibal Wei, Johnny Wei, Tom Wei, Warren Wong, Y. F. Yin, David Yuen, and Paul Wong.

Veteran C. C. Lee, who played topflight baseball several years back for the South China club, is coach of the team. Lee's ball sense and experience should

KEEN SQUAD

The USS Gardiners Bay have a keen softball squad. Chief Bosun E. Hale, Athletic Officer of the ship, is in charge of the gang, with W. F. Folowell as field captain.

Nothing much is known about the Navy's line-up for tomorrow's tussle but you can bet your last dollar that they will be in there battling away for a victory.

The Gardiners Bay have played several games against local sides during their stay in port. They have crushed Blas Cepan's Cumbancheros several times. One of their most convincing wins was a 15-4 walloping of the Cumbancheros several weeks ago.

The Navy-Panda clash should develop into a real hot tussle if both teams hit for the fences and play heads up ball. The two outfits are quite evenly matched but any thing can happen in a ball game.

NEW COUNCIL

The first meeting of the newly elected General Council of the Hong Kong Softball Association was held last week. The General Council with its sub-committees is formed of the following individuals: General Council: F. J. Molthen—President; Jim Shepherd, Vice-President; F. W. Hollands, Secretary; Philo G. Remedios, Treasurer; Senior League representatives: Dick Chung (Chung Hwa), W. F. Folowell (US Navy), and Chas. Figueiredo (Braves).

Junior League representatives: Gerard O. Jones (Aces) and Rennie Sequeira (Blackhawks). Ladies' League representatives: Miss Alice Nair (Canadians) and Hal Wing Lee (Whalers).

Management Committee: Hal Wing Lee (Chairman), Grounds

and Equipment Committee: Philo Remedios (Chairman), Blim Abbing and Bill Silva. Umpire-in-Chief: E. Don Robbins. "Doc" Molthen will act pro tem pending the return of Robbins to the Colony late this month. Scorers-in-Chief: Philo Remedios and Hal Wing Lee.

The General Council have decided to play the Senior League on a one-round basis each team playing a total of 14 games with the four best teams contesting for the title in a series of play-off games. The Junior League, consisting of 8 teams, will play two rounds. Both the Ladies' Senior and Ladies' League will play three rounds.

An attendance of seven members of 11 will constitute a quorum at all General Council meetings. Meetings will be held at least once a month.

The General Council also adopted in full the bye-laws of the Association as drafted by the Working Council. The bye-laws provide for postponements, umpires, uniforms, scoring, offences of the rules, and other incidental items connected with the game.

No game will in future be postponed unless 72 hours' notice in writing has been submitted to the Management Committee. A severe penalty was laid down for a player signing for two teams under different names.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The full programme, with umpire roster, for tomorrow's Opening Game follows:

Sunday, October 9

2.30 p.m.—Opening Day Parade and ceremonies.

3.15 p.m.—Opening Game—Senior League:

US Navy—Pandas.

Umpires: "Doc" Molthen (plate); Hal Wing Lee, Rennie Sequeira (bases) Philo Remedios (scorer).

England's Soccer Selectors Have A "Cover" Plan

BY JOHN MACADAM

It appears to this simple mind that if all the hysteria that is being evinced currently about the play of the various pets of one selective mind and another could be turned into football, they could send us that World Soccer Cup now and save all the expense and trouble.

Now, what does it all boil down to? Saturday after Saturday, in the recent weeks, we have encountered less-aging, ageing, and aged members of the FA Selection Committee on their ways to and from one match and another with no other objective than to watch players of the approximate class.

British football fans can be assured that the names of the 22 players who are likely to accompany each of the two U.K. countries left in to compete in the final at Rio will not be drawn out of anybody's battered bowler hat.

These players will be the select of their countries. They will travel together as a party. They will train together and against each other and they will not be picked in the final side on "pet" value or any other but sheer football value.

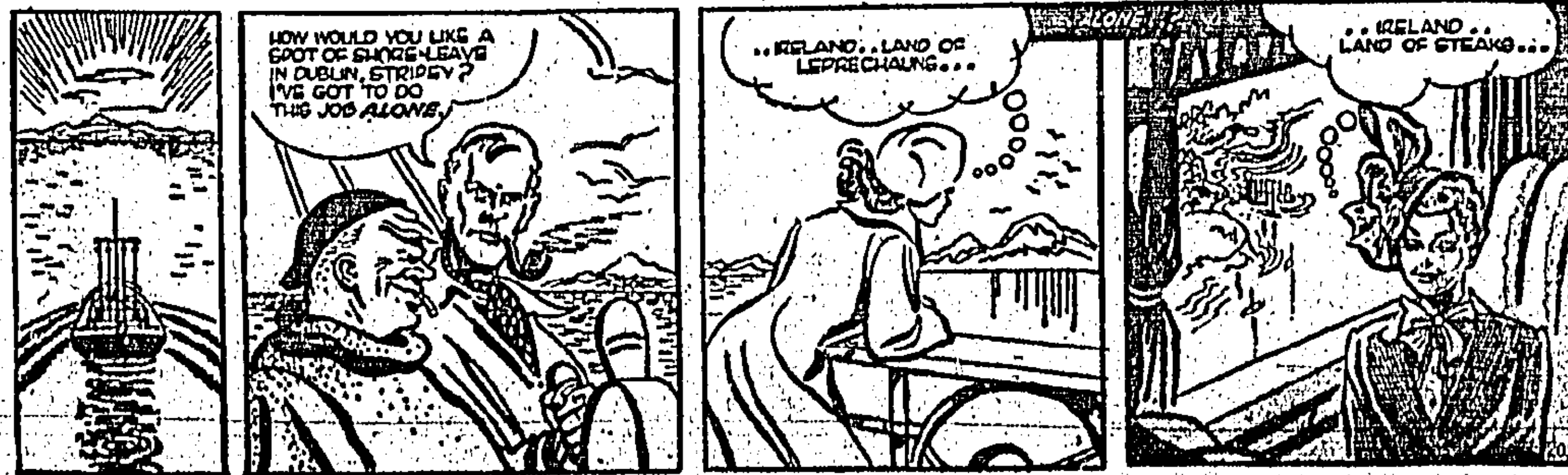
IN RESERVE

One eleven will be reserve to another, of course, but let a first-pick go bang out of town around the day—as Johnny Morris apparently did in the Elro, match—and his covering man will be bang into his strip.

We have had a lot of talk with Britain's Soccer leaders recently on this matter, and you may be certain that they are taking no sentimental views of this series of matches. They are out to win, and they will try to, win with current form players in class Soccer.

So, despite the Elro match,

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SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



By Reg. Wootton



Spare A Copper For British Athletics

BY FRANK BUTLER

Spare a copper for British athletics. Any tattered shorts, torn slippers, worn running shoes will be welcome to a sport which appears to be without visible means of support. Waste not, want not.

This is the sad story of our effort to send 18 English athletes to New Zealand to take part in the British Empire Games from February 4 to 11.

First our athletics turned to professional football to raise some of the £20,000 needed with a five-a-side tournament. But the footballers called the show off on the ground that if any money was to be raised by football what about the footballers themselves?

Now the Appeals Committee for the Empire Games Fund have asked the governing body of each sport competing to invite all affiliated members to donate 6d to the cause.

And that's not all. Our old friends Jack Hilton and Bill Little for their part as two good sportsmen; but we ask: What is English sport coming to when we are dependent on the Italian star of song to work his magic so that we can afford to send a team to compete in the Games of our British Empire?

Couldn't the Government have lent a hand to help hide our shame? Couldn't the AAA last summer have organized sufficient events to raise the money so that England should not have to come to the level of a beggar? How can we ever hope to compete with the Americans at sport—or the rest in Europe?

I am sick of our having to play the role of Ulrich Heep in order to send an England team to take part in the only British Empire sports gathering.

PATIENT LEE

They gave a farewell party the other night to the most patient pugilist ever born—Lee Savold, the American who came here last May to fight Bruce Woodcock in September, only to have Woodcock (after a road accident) call the fight off until May 1950, and then receive a second blow from Sir Stafford Cripps when the fight was devalued.

Although Lee and his manager, Billy Daly, are £2,000 out of pocket, and have lost 100,000 dollars for fights in America, plus the loss of £20,000 at the old rate for the Woodcock fight that never came off, they have not a bad word to say against England.

Daily turned down 65,000 dollars for Savold to fight Joey Maxim in America last May. And when Woodcock crashed the American promoters forecast that Lee would never get Woodcock in the ring with him and phoned him with tempting offers of 100,000 dollars to tackle Ezzard Charles. But he still stuck by Jack Solomons.

There has never been a more gentlemanly boxer than Lee Savold. There has never been a fight manager so full of good faith as Billy Daly. They're coming back to carry out their part of the bargain in spite of everything.

SCOTT OUT

Laurie Scott, Arsenal's international back, wasted little time after being discharged from hospital following an operation on his right knee. With Alf Fields, the centre half, discharged at the same time, Scott went straight to Highbury for remedial exercises, and Tom Whittaker hopes to have both players on the track soon.

The Arsenal manager described the operation on Scott as "wonderful" and reckons he may be fit for the first team within two months. Nice work for Laurie, who three weeks ago feared his playing days were over.

(London Express Service)

WEEK-END MATCHES

Kitchee fielded a full team against KMB and were worthy winners by 3-0. Fung Aing-cheung returned to the team and his play did much to encourage the young players. The Kitchee team to give off with their best. KMB were expected to do much better than they did and many of the thousands of spectators were disappointed.

This week-end's programme, has something to suit all tastes. In Kowloon the local derby game between KMB and CAA will take place today. The CAA have won their two opening games and are a good team. The forward line are small in stature but fast and clever. I rather fancy the Busmen will win.

Army v. Comm. at Soekunpoo and South China v. Cus at Caroline Hill are the other First Division games scheduled for today.

The Commandos, straight from their 7-0 victory over Club on Tuesday, will provide stiff opposition to the polished Army side. If Tennard can manage to subdue the elusive Highton, the Army should win this game.

Sunday's games look interesting. Police meet the strong Kitchee team and provided the same Police players are available who defeated Commando last Saturday, they may once again cause a mild sensation.

St Joseph's, with their many new players, meet the RAF at Club ground. On paper everything points to a St Joseph's victory but a rearranged RAF side may snatch at least one point. Kwong Wah will meet Eastern in the remaining game tomorrow and a hard-fought game should be witnessed.

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Today's Chances At The Valley

By "THE TURF"

The Kwangtung Handicap is the feature event for the two day's Double Tenth Race Meeting, which will be held this afternoon and on Monday.

At the time of writing the Special Sweep for the Kwangtung Handicap had reached well over the 1,800,000 mark and the first prize will be approximately eight and a half lakhs.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., today, while on Monday the first bell will be at 11.30 a.m.

Here are the chances:

FIRST RACE

The first race is a sprint event over half a mile and 170 yards, confined to Class 9 ponies. Betty Lou (155 lbs) which has two thirds to its credit this season, has an edge over the others and should be able to win this race. Big Bluff (145 lbs), Mabuhay (152 lbs), Radar (154 lbs) and Sure Shot (148 lbs) are evenly matched and can be relied on to be well up at the finish.

SECOND RACE

Great interest will be shown in this main event, the Kwangtung Handicap, for Class 4 ponies over the mile. Empress Delight (152 lbs) which ran third to Lucky Jane at the Lantau Handicap over the mile and 171 yards, should be the favourite here to win this important event. Strong opposition is sure to come from Ringmaster (148 lbs), Poker Face (147 lbs), Popularity (147 lbs), Rouse d'Or (159 lbs), Oakland Bridge (159 lbs), Easy-going (142 lbs), Sportsmaster (147 lbs), Canadian Potato (143 lbs) and Thunder Sky (150 lbs). All of these ponies have a win to their credit over this same distance.

THIRD RACE

In this event for Class 9 ponies, a good race is expected. Airfield (154 lbs), Ballerina (150 lbs) and Sharpshooter (155 lbs) are the best among the entries and a win is likely to come from any one.

The Hopeful, with only 135 lbs to shoulder and 14 Acres runaway start, will have a good chance of causing an upset.

FOURTH RACE

The best two in this race for Class 7 ponies are Good News (150 lbs) and Green Velvet (152 lbs), but they will have to be at fault as they have to give off the challenge from Jeffery (159 lbs), National Guard (159 lbs), Pacific (159 lbs) and Sapientia (148 lbs). The last named is in good form at the moment and may have a chance of springing an upset.

FIFTH RACE

Stranglers (158 lbs) after having two consecutive wins over this same distance, one at the Easter Meeting and the other at the Fifth Race Meeting, from Class 9 to 8, has now been promoted to Class 7 (3rd Section). It still has a bright chance of winning again, for this mare has turned in a good time of 1.21 over this distance, carrying 159 lbs.

SIXTH RACE

This is the first section of the race for Class 2 ponies (1st section) and on looking over the entries I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the winner will come from Home Builder (151 lbs), Lily (145 lbs),

SEVENTH RACE

There are seven contestants in the Des Voeux Handicap, (2nd section) for Class 2 ponies, and it is difficult to select the winner as they are of about equal standard. First of all we have Pay Day to consider. It will have the same jockey Mr Chumson as the pilot and remembering the way it ran and won at the last meeting, over the six furlongs, many will no doubt rely on it to win.

Pearl Diver ran very well to take second place to Pay Day and being a fast moving animal it has a good chance of avenging its defeat. Dominion Day and Aniline are also not to be overlooked for they are certainly to be well up at the finish.

EIGHTH RACE

This event is also likely to be a close affair as the runners are all of the same standard. Lana appears to the pick, as this mare came in a very close second to Anyway at the seven furlongs and 45 yards losing only by a head. Lili Marlene, which had a bad start and finished strongly to secure third place, to Bootle and Mink at the Sixth Race Meeting in a mile, should have a strong say at the finish.

NINTH RACE

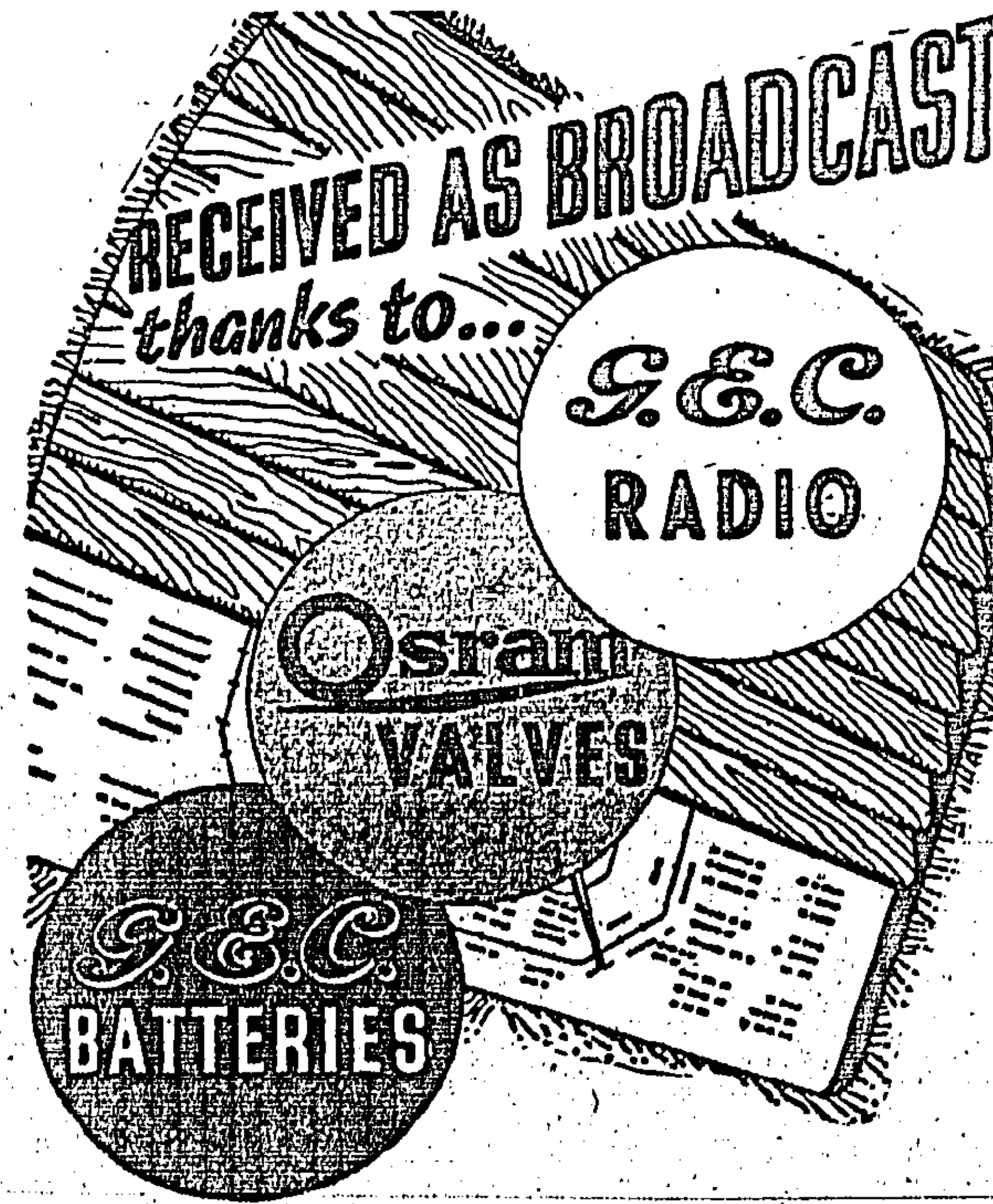
Foyle, with Mr Ostroff up at the Sixth Race Meeting over the six furlongs, was made a firm favourite to the tune of 12/378 winning tickets, failed badly and was nowhere at the finish. It should do better in this race as the distance is much more to its liking.

Airs and Graces, is not to be ignored for a winning bet as this pony won the mile race at the Fourth Race Meeting, beating Jeep Hce, which is now running amongst the Class 1 ponies. The others that will also have a say at the finish are Ascot Beauty, Lady Gloucester and Masterpiece.

TENTH RACE

The closing race of the afternoon is confined to Class 3 ponies (3rd section) and a tussle for the major part is likely to be among Big Shot (152 lbs), Fairy Feet (159 lbs), Lucky Jane (151 lbs), Mink (153 lbs), Pegasus (140 lbs) and Shun Fung (159 lbs).

Pegasus, which won at the Sixth Race Meeting, should have every opportunity of scoring another win, for this pony is very fast at the starting gate.



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A GREAT SOLDIER IS REMEMBERED

WHENEVER the fighting men of France meet today they talk about the war adventures of General Philippe Leclerc.

He was really Viscount d'Hautecloque. But when he escaped from the Germans on a bicycle and sailed to England in a fishing boat he changed his name so that the enemy would not take revenge on his family.

Leclerc flew to France's desert colonies in Africa. With a handful of planes, lorries, and tanks, a few hundred French troops, and half a dozen Britons, he attacked the Italian Army.

Then he advanced fighting for 1,200 miles over desert and mountains, and linked up with Montgomery's men.

Came D Day. Leclerc attacked in Normandy. He liberated Paris and Strasbourg. His soldiers planted their flag over Hitler's house at Berchtesgaden.

After victory was won Leclerc died in an air crash.

Now part of the desert territory he captured from Italy—the Fezzan—commemorates this great soldier on a new set of stamps. They show the way his brave men went.

And this one also shows Leclerc.

Face-value: 25 francs (6d.). Perforation: 12½ by 12½.

Salute to a hero.—J. A. A.



A Discussion On FEAR...

IN a private house recently, there was a heated discussion about the consequences of the Russian discovery of the atom-bomb. An old man was a silent member of the party. One of his children asked him why he had nothing to say. Then he told this story.

TWO men died and went to Heaven, sharing the same cloud on the journey. Both were afraid: wondering what was to come. When they arrived at the gates of Heaven Peter was waiting for them. He saw their fear, so he asked them: "Why are you afraid? Have you no understanding of fear?"

"We do not know," said the two men.

"Then I will help you," said Peter. "Look upon this and tell me if you find it fearful. And, by a miracle, he showed them the unfolding of a mighty force. It was indeed terrifying.

"That has killed many," said Peter. "Perhaps it will kill many more. They are playing with it now upon Earth. Tell me, are you afraid of it?"

"Yes," said the two men. Peter nodded and held out his hand. Then what of this?" he asked. In his palm was a human heart, small and simple.

After some hesitation the first man replied: That does not terrify me, for it is only a

heart. It is a familiar part of myself."

Peter nodded again. "Yes, it is only a part of you," he said. Then he turned to the second man: What do you think of it?"

This man looked at the heart for a long time and sought for understanding. Finally he said: "I am more afraid of that than of the other. For the other was born out of it. Yes, that is indeed the most fearful."

Peter smiled, and looked at the heart lying in his palm. Then he looked up again. "Now tell me what is the greatest fear of all?"

The two men stared at each other. There was a long pause. Then one said: "My fear of him, and his fear of me." The other nodded. So did Peter, as he put the heart away and turned to open the gates. "That fear has no place in here," he said.

"I did not take part in your discussion," said the old man, "because it seemed to me that you were arguing about the symptom, not the cause."

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IN DARKEST PARIS

AN HONEST WRITER EXPLORES THE SLUMS

—BUT ARE THE PEOPLE REALLY LIKE THAT?

by Margaret Lane

THE POOR GIRL. Maxence Van der Meer. (Pilot Press, 12s. 6d.). 319 pages.

POVERTY, real poverty, is an ugly subject. Every one of us, if we were only poor enough, would become dirty and sordid. It is rare to find a pure heart or a noble character even in good surroundings; on the rock bottom of poverty I should judge it to be impossible.

One of the mysteries of art is that it can invest ugly, even sordid and repellent, subjects with a kind of beauty—not at all by gilding them over, but by means of that poetic truth which moves us profoundly and at the end leaves us satisfied. Nobody can quite say how it is done but on the highest level of art ugliness does become beauty, and we perceive depths and aspects hidden from us before.

The author of The Poor Girl has set himself to tell the story of poverty in the slums of Paris without any sentimentality or gloss, and with none of the horrifying details left out. He has done this with honesty and seriousness, but not—unless the magic has escaped in translation, which is not impossible, since much of the English dialogue is singularly inept—not with art. One is left at the end, not with that feeling of melancholy pleasure which a work of art on a tragic theme produces, but as if one's nose had been gently but relentlessly rubbed in the mud.

Since M. Van der Meer cannot give us great art, perhaps this quiet, patient, well-measured nose-rubbing is the next best thing that can be done with the subject. Certainly one closes the book with the smells and noises of slum life very vividly present to the senses, and that is a wholesome experience for anyone who has regular meals and sleeps between clean sheets. The story is a faithfully minute account of the childhood and adolescence of Denise, the eldest and illegitimate child of a shiftless couple in a poor industrial quarter of Paris 30 years ago. The mother already has a bastard by another man when she is born, and the baby girl is accordingly sent to the work-house.

However, when the parents set up house permanently together the father insists on his own child being brought home, and the little boy, who is not his, being sent away instead. This produces such a resentment in the mother that she treats Denise from first to last with unexampled brutality.

The father dies of tuberculosis; a "stepfather" moves in, and Denise is the half-starved and beaten household drudge until she is old enough to sell papers in the streets and eventually work for a pittance in a factory. Her sufferings as a child, the nastiness she experiences in adolescence are without limit; indeed, I sometimes get the feeling that the author, before beginning the book, had made himself a long list headed, "POVERTY, horrors of," and was conscientiously working his way through it, from top to bottom.

Yet Denise retains a surprising sweetness of character (would she really have done so?) and we are even told at the end, after a long history of semi-starvation and ill-health, that she has "kept her looks."

I think it unlikely that she would have kept either the one or the other.

Nor do I believe that she could have gone on loving her mother, the coarse and brutal woman who treated her with ferocious cruelty in childhood and repaid the young girl's devoted service with ingratitude and abuse.

The only sign of affection she ever gives her daughter is to say, after much grumbling, "Still, I'm glad I had you, my girl!"—and this on her death-bed, after months of back-breaking nursing by Denise. "So I did have my mother's affection for a few days, some short, fleeting days before her agony and death, just enough to compensate, to repay magnificently, for the sacrifice of my youth."

But the author departs from his realism here. Such treatment does not produce undying love in a daughter, but abnormality and hate.

JULIAN'S WAY. John Brophy. (Collins, 10s. 6d.). 384 pp.

ONE should, I am sure, be grateful for a novel which offers an interesting and unusual background, even if the story and characterisation are no great shakes.

The setting of this one is present-day Palestine, and the reader gets a sort of conducted tour round that difficult country which is instructive and enjoyable.

Interesting to know, for instance, that some of the Zionist agricultural settlements are so communal that nobody owns anything but his shoes. (All clothes go to the wash, and when it comes back you help yourself to what you fancy.)

Interesting, too, that they are peopled only by fanatical adolescents. As soon as the young men and girls reach their twenties they leave for the towns, and the problem of keeping the communal settlements populated is something Zionists do not care to talk about.

All this is well done, but the story of a British officer gradually coming closer to God in Palestine, and falling in love with a Jewish girl, gave me no feeling of sincerity.

One gets the impression that the religious theme is dragged in because such things are in the air nowadays; and as for the Gentile-Jewish love affair (which has such fertile possibilities) Mr Brophy shameslessly funks it, making his heroine suddenly reveal towards the end that she has not a drop of Jewish blood in her veins. I was quite shocked.

BOOKS

THE COTTAGE IN THE FOREST. Hugh Farmer (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.) 191 pp.

THIS author, civil servant by profession, countryman and ornithologist by preference, has done what many people would like to do and some have already done—written a book about the cottage which is one of the loves of his life.

It is a romantic book, very different in tone from those bravely humorous accounts of reclaiming derelict farms which are so popular with the townsman. It is more like notes on a prolonged love affair with the woods.

Mr Farmer is a quiet man, in no hurry; he has found time lately to listen to the nightingales, to observe that "their voices continually lure one into thinking that something supreme, as yet unheard in the world, is about to break on one's ears; only to cease suddenly and leave the listener suspended as by a tenuous thread of beauty."

He is a gardener of feeling, who understands sentimental planting, and enjoys his cyresses all the better (as who would not?) because they were "grown by Uncle William from seed from a cone, picked up by him in the Garden of Gethsemane."

And he has some excellent suggestions to make about "world gardening"—to which I rather ruefully agree, we must all come.

The book is beautifully illustrated, chiefly by superb examples of Eric Hosking's wonderful bird photography.

LIBRARY LIST

THERE WAS A LAD. F. H. Brown. (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.). A story of a boy who attempts to rescue a Jewish girl from the hands of the Gestapo. The story is told in a simple, direct, and powerful way. The boy is a Jew, and the girl is a Jew. The story is a story of love and sacrifice. The boy is a Jew, and the girl is a Jew. The story is a story of love and sacrifice.

The Fierce, Fiery Fighting O'Briens

By JOHN GODLEY

FOR a thousand years, since the days of Brian Boromhe (pronounced Boru), Monarch of Ireland, the fighting O'Brien family has battled its way through the centuries.

Its story, written by the Hon. Donough O'Brien, uncle of the present Lord Inchiquin, and a direct descendant of Brian, has just been published.

Slain in 1014. From the great Brian Boromhe, slain with a battleaxe in 1014, are descended the tens of thousands of O'Briens all over the world. The Pobble O'Briens and the Carrigogullen O'Briens;

Gaoled, hanged and slain. They have been convicted of treason and sedition. They have been imprisoned; and escaped; they have been beheaded, murdered, and once even hanged by mistake.

Honours have been rained upon them, and they've usually won their battles. Brian Boromhe started the ball rolling. Born in 926, King of Munster, King of Thomond, Monarch of Ireland, he never stopped fighting.

In 977, on Scattery Island in the Shannon, he slew 800 Danes including their commander, the son of King Harold, and his two sons.

Then he visited all the Shannon islands, killing or imprisoning all who had opposed him. Brian started the business of surmises. He had so many relations that it began to get confusing.

His sons. He called his own sons O'Brien (descendants of Brian); his brother's son MacMahon (descendants of Mahon)—and so on.

From 1222, for over 300 years, the O'Brien chiefs were styled Kings of Thomond, all Murrough O'Brien surrendered his kingdom to Henry VIII, in 1543.

In return, Henry made him Earl of Thomond, and Baron Inchiquin. The wisdom died out in 1774, but the barony is still held by the present Lord Inchiquin, the sixteenth baron, now living at Dromoland Castle, County Clare. The History of The O'Briens (from 1000 to 1945) by the Hon. Donough O'Brien (Batsford, 30s.).

(London Express Service).

"Television" BY KEMP STARRETT

VIGNETTES OF LIFE





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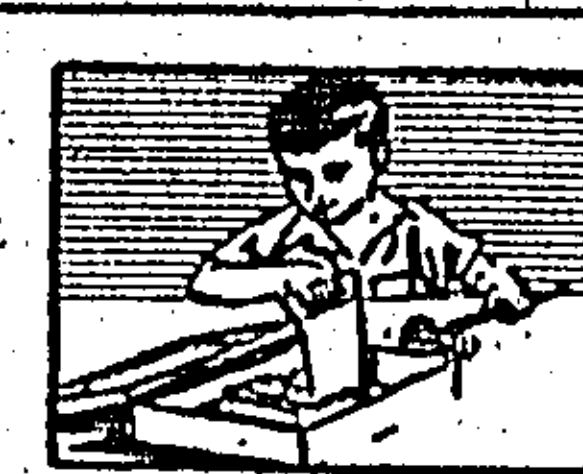


STORIES



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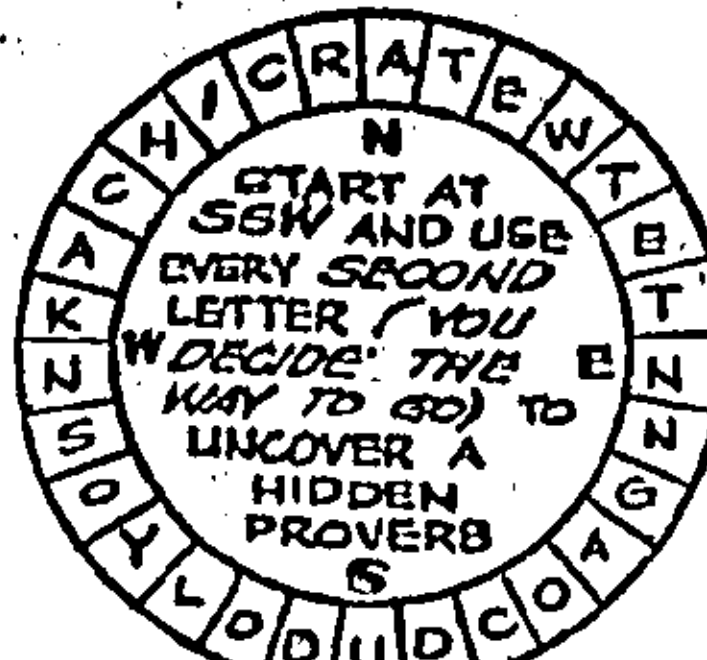
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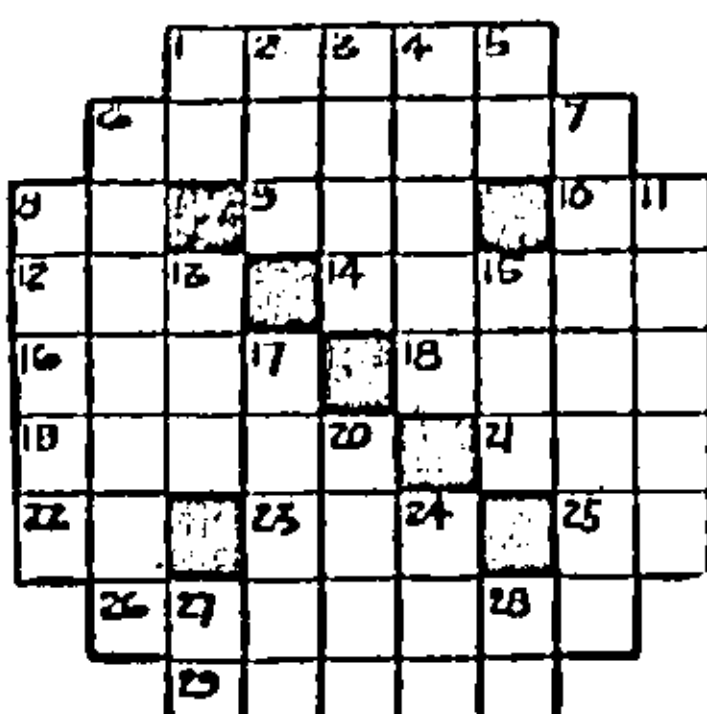
Missing words in this sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently, so you will find it easy to fill them in:
A poster was placed on the to show where the would be taken.

DIAMOND

Today's diamond centres on a CARTOON. The second word is "a golf term," the third "Persian fabrics," the fifth "mob disturbances," and the sixth "a distance signal."

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CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Harem
 2. Sorry regret
 3. Missouri (ab.)
 4. Compass point
 5. Written form of Mister
 6. Girl's name
 7. Russian storehouse
 8. Lairs
 9. City in Oklahoma
 10. Feminine name
 11. Constellation
 12. Mountain (ab.)
 13. S-shaped worm
 14. Hair on an
 15. Thoroughfare
 16. Make into law
- DOWN**
1. Southeast (ab.)
 2. German river
 3. Flower
 4. Rugged mountain crest
 5. Exile
 6. Ritz
 7. Domain
 8. Courtyard title
 9. Fortification
 10. Blackbird of the cuckoo family
 11. Collection of sayings
 12. Nautical term
 13. On the ocean
 14. Dry, as wine
 15. Total expenses (ab.)
 16. Size of shot

POSERS

1. Through which does sound travel faster, water or air?
2. What is the principal river in Alaska?
3. What have The Pyramids and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon in common?

RIDDLES

1. What is that which though only four inches long and three inches wide contains a solid foot?
2. If I were in the sun and you were out of it, what would the sun be?
3. What is that which every one often holds, but rarely touches?
4. Who dares sit before the queen with his hat on?

SCRAMBLED CITIES

Here are the names of 10 cities of the United States, spelled with scrambled letters. Try to write them correctly. The first letter of each city is placed correctly to give you a start.

1. C-ITINICAN
2. M-ANIESOLNI
3. G-OSTVALEN
4. I-PINILASANO
5. D-ASLAL
6. P-HIBURTGS
7. J-ONSACK
8. H-OSTOUN
9. F-ORITAEEN
10. L-ELSIULVIO

ANSWERS

WACKY COMPASS: You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

HOMONYM: Pole, poli.

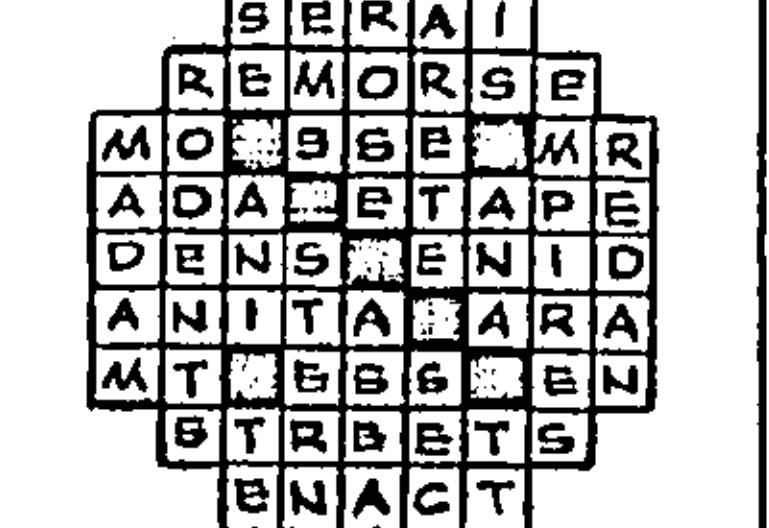
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POSERS: 1.—Through water.
2.—The Yukon River. 3.—They are two of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.

RIDDLES: 1.—A youngster's shoe. 2.—Sin. 3.—His tongue. 4.—Her coachman.

SCRAMBLED CITIES:
1.—Cincinnati. 2.—Pittsburgh.
3.—Minneapolis. 4.—Jackson.
5.—Galveston. 6.—Houston.
7.—Indianapolis. 8.—Frankfort.
9.—Dallas. 10.—Louisville.

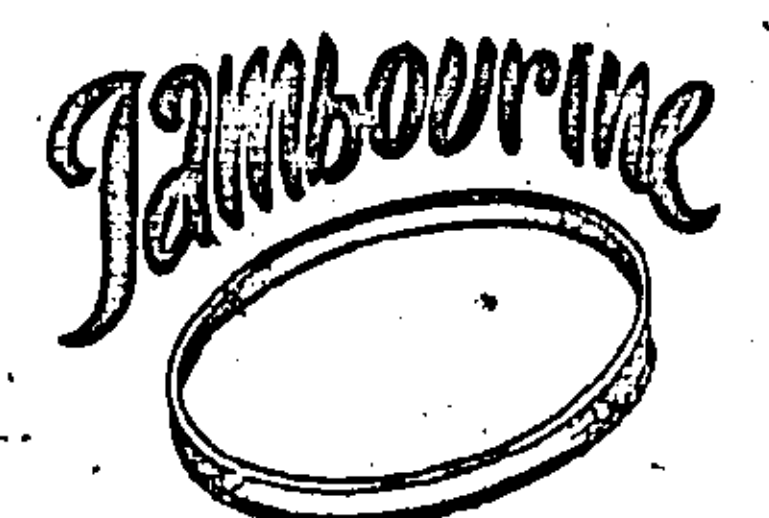
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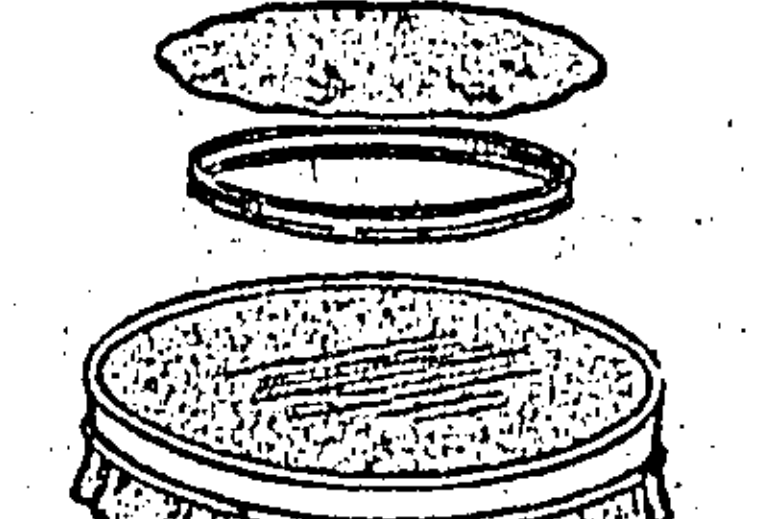
DO-IT

By Dale Goss

Things to Make With Materials at Hand



1. Cut a piece of plain CLOTH 14 inches wider than a pair of EMBROIDERY HOOPS.



2. Put cloth through hoops. Trim edges to one half inch.



3. Sew small CHRISTMAS BELLS and PEARL BUTTONS loosely to edge of the cloth.



4. Stretch cloth tightly and paint it with clear SHELLAC or THIN GLUE. ...let dry thoroughly and paint again.

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MYSTERY OF THE PANTOMIME CAT . . . THE CHILDREN'S SERIAL

* The Five Find-Outers plant clues at the Little Theatre to lure P-c Pippin on the trail of a false mystery. But Pippin stumbles on a real crime. He sees an injured man, an open safe.

WHO ROBBED THE SAFE?

THE five children knew nothing about P-c Pippin's exciting night, of course. Pip and Bets were asleep in bed when he smashed the window at the back of the Little Theatre, and Larry and Daisy had been told they could listen to the nine o'clock news, and then go to bed. Fatty had been in his room trying out a wonderful new Aid to Disguise—little pads to put inside the cheeks and make them fat.



"Aha! That was the voice of his old enemy."

"I'll try these tomorrow," thought Fatty, with a grin. "I'll put them in before breakfast and see if any one notices." Fatty went to bed wondering if P-c Pippin had found the clues he had spread about the verandah, and how long he had waited for the mythical meeting.

Next day at breakfast, Fatty put in his new Aid to Disguise—the cheek-pads that forced out the soft part of his cheeks and made him look plumper than ever.

His father, buried behind his paper, didn't seem to notice any difference. He always thought Fatty was too plump anyhow.

But his mother was puzzled. Fatty looked different. What was it that made him look strange? It was his cheeks!

"Frederick—have you got toothache?" suddenly asked his mother. "Your cheeks are very swollen."

"Oh no, Mother, said Fatty. "My teeth are quite all right."

"Well, you don't seem to be eating as much as usual, which is very queer, and certainly your cheeks look swollen," persisted his mother. "I shall ring up and make an appointment with the dentist."

Fatty was so astounded to hear this that he absently-mindedly put his cheek-pads into his mouth, thinking they were bits of bread and began to chew them.

He simply couldn't believe the news. Why he and the others had actually been hanging round the Little Theatre half the evening, and they had seen nothing at all—except the "Pantomime Cat!"

"Could I see the piece, Dad?" asked Fatty, wondering why the bread in his mouth was so tough.

He suddenly realised that it wasn't bread—ugh, how horrible, he had been chewing his cheek-pads! And now he didn't dare to remove them again, for his mother would accuse him of disguising manners once more. It was very awkward.

"Don't talk with your mouth full, Frederick," said his mother.

And of course you can't have your father's paper. You can read it when he has finished with it.

Very fortunately at that moment the telephone bell rang. The house-parlourmaid answered it and came to fetch Fatty's mother.

So Fatty was able to remove the half-chewed cheek-pads and put them into his pocket. He decided never to wear them again at meal-times.

He glanced longingly at his father's paper. Ah—he had folded it over again and the bit about the robbery was on the back, but upside down.

Fatty managed to read it two or three times. He began to feel very excited.

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WOULD it be a Mystery? Suppose they hadn't got the right suspect? Then the Five Find-Outers could get on it at once.

Fatty felt that he couldn't possibly eat any more breakfast. He slid away quietly from the table before his mother came back. His father didn't notice him go.

Fatty flew off to Pip's at once. Larry and Daisy would be along soon, for they had plan-

ned a meeting there. Pip and Bets had a fine big playroom of their own where they were not often disturbed, and it made a very good meeting-place.

Pip and Bets had heard nothing of the great news. Fatty told them, and they were amazed. "What! A robbery committed last night at the Little Theatre! Did it happen whilst we were there?" cried Pip, in excitement. "Here's Larry, with Daisy. I say, Larry, heard the news about the Little Theatre Robbery?"

Larry and Daisy had heard all about it. They knew even more than Fatty because Janet, their cook, knew the woman who cleaned the Little Theatre, and had got some news from her, which she had passed on to Larry and Daisy.

Larry said Janet felt certain that the robbers were the two ruffians she had seen the other night in the beam of light from the kitchen door!

"To think we were all there last evening moaning round, hanging about and everything!" groaned Fatty. "And we never saw a thing. We were so busy preparing clues for old Pippin that we never saw anything of a real crime that must have been going on almost under our noses."

"Janet says that Mrs Trotter, the woman who cleans the Little Theatre, told her that last night the police found the man who stretched out across his office desk, his head on his arms, asleep from some drug, and behind him was his empty safe," said Larry.

"It was one that was built in the wall, hidden by a big wall-mirror hanging in front of it. She said the police must have discovered the whole thing not very long after it was done."

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THE police, I suppose that means P-c Pippin," said Fatty. "Gosh—to think we planned this robbery on that verandah, surrounded by a whole lot of false clues—and there he was right on the spot when a real robbery was committed!"

"It's absolutely maddening. If only we'd snopped round a bit more, we might have hit on the mystery ourselves."

"As it is, we've presented it to the police—or rather to P-c Pippin—and they will get in straight away and solve the whole thing."

There was a doleful silence. It did seem very hard luck.

"I suppose Pippin will think all those cigarette-ends and hanky-andies are real clues now—clues to the real robbers. I mean," said Bets after a long pause.

"Gosh! So he will! He'll be right off on the wrong track," said Fatty. "That's awkward. Very awkward. I don't mind playing a silly trick on either Goon or Pippin—but I wouldn't want to do anything that would prevent them from catching the burglars. Those clues of ours will certainly fog them a bit!"

"You mean—they'll start looking for people whose names begin with Z and they'll go and watch that Sunday train?" said Larry. "Instead of going on the right trail!"

"Yes," said Fatty. "Well—I think I'd better go and see P-c Pippin, and own up. I don't want to set him off on the wrong track—make him waste his time solving a pretend mystery when he's got a real one to see to."

"Blow! It will be very awkward, having to explain. And I bet he won't give me any information, either, because he'll be so annoyed with me for playing a trick on him."

"We could have worked in nicely with old Pippin. We never could work with Goon."

Every one felt very glum. To think they had gone and

spoiled a perfectly super real mystery by making up a stupid pretend one!

"I'll come with you to explain," said Larry.

"No," said Fatty. "I take the responsibility for this. I'd like to keep the rest of you out of it. If Pippin takes it into his head to complain of us, my parents won't take a lot of notice—but yours will, Larry, and as for Pip's parents, they'll go right off the deep end."

"They always do," said Pip. His parents were very strict with him and Bets, and had been very much annoyed three or four times already when Mr Goon had complained to them about the children.

"I don't want our parents to know a thing. Mother's already said she's glad Goon is away because now perhaps we won't get into any mischief these holidays, and make Goon come round and grumble about us."

"I'll go and see Pippin now," said Fatty, getting up. "Nothing like getting a nasty thing done at once. I do hope Pippin won't mind too much. Actually I think he's rather nice. He'll be thrilled at getting a case like this when Goon is away."

★

HE went out, with Buster close at his heels. He whistled loudly to show that he didn't care about anything in the world.

But actually Fatty did care quite a lot this morning. He felt guilty about all those false clues. He could have kicked himself for spoiling his chance of working in with P-c Pippin.

Pippin wasn't like Goon. He looked sensible, and Fatty felt sure he would have welcomed his, Fatty's, help.

He came to Goon's house, in which Pippin was now living whilst Goon was away. To his surprise the door was wide open. Fatty walked in to find Pippin.

There was a loud voice talking in the front room. Fatty stopped as if he had been shot. It was Goon's voice. Goon! Had he come back then?

Fatty stood there, wondering what to do. He wasn't going to confess to Pippin in front of Goon! That would be very, very foolish. Goon might even take it into his head to go and tell Inspector Jenks, the children's very great friend—and somehow Fatty felt that the Inspector would not approve of the little trick they had played on the unsuspecting Pippin.

Goon was evidently very angry. His voice was raised, and he was going for poor Pippin unmercifully. Fatty couldn't help hearing, as he stood in the passage, undecided whether to go in or out.

"Why didn't you send for me when you first saw those rogues under the bush in the garden?"

"Why didn't you tell me about the torn-up note?"

"Didn't I tell you to let me know if anything happened? Turnip-head! Dolt! Soon as I go away they put in a dud like you, who hasn't even got the sense to send for his superior when something happens!"

Fatty decided to go—but Pippin decided differently. Aha! enemy, wasn't it? With a joyful bark Buster pushed open the door of the sitting-room with his black nose, and bounded in!

MORE NEXT WEEK
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HOW TACTFUL ARE YOU?

HERE'S a new game to test your bolting point. It gives you a chance to tell what you SHOULD do and what you actually do in matters where sometimes you get angry.

The situation: One of your friends insists on airing opinions which are opposite to yours and he insists you are wrong in your viewpoint.

What would you do? Mark what you'd actually do with an X.

What should you do? Mark what you SHOULD do with an X.

1. I'd feel very annoyed, but do my best not to show my feelings.

2. I'd tell him: "You're crazy to talk that way, but I won't argue the matter with you."

3. I'd let his offensive remarks go by and if he insisted on continuing the argument, I'd change the subject.

4. I'd be so provoked I'd give him a good piece of my mind.

Maybe I'd even punch him on the nose.

ZOO'S WHO



THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS RECOGNIZED THE WORTH OF VULTURES AS AGENTS OF SANITATION AND GAVE THEM RANKS OF DEITIES.

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IN FLIGHT A SPARROW'S WINGS MAKE 13 STROKES A SECOND.

Caterpillars Are Foolish

—They Won't Touch Anything They Can't Nibble—
By MAX TRELL

"CATERPILLARS," said Mr Punch to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "aren't very bright. They do foolish things. To make matters even worse," he added, "they don't even know they're foolish."

Knarf and Hanid asked Mr Punch to explain what he meant about caterpillars not being bright and doing foolish things.

"Well," answered Mr Punch, "I once had two caterpillars for pets. One was named Archibald and the other was named Clarence. They were just about as long as your arm, and quite fuzzy. I used to feed them fresh green leaves and a bit of butter-milk. They liked the leaves but they wouldn't touch the butter-milk."

"Why not?" asked Knarf. "Why wouldn't they touch the butter-milk?"

"Because," said Mr Punch, "caterpillars won't touch anything they can't nibble. And they never could manage to nibble butter-milk."

Not So Foolish

Hanid said she didn't think that was so foolish. But Mr Punch went right on.

"One day Archibald and Clarence went for a walk with me. I mean I took them out for a walk. But where do you think they walked?"

"Where?" Hanid said.

"Archibald walked up to the top of a cherry tree, and Clarence walked up to the top of a plum tree. I was never so tired in my life. In fact, from that day on I made them go out

"Then one fine day," said Mr Punch, "Archibald and Clarence came up to me; they were both so sleepy they could hardly keep their eyes open. 'You'd better go and take a nap, boys,' I said. 'I'll go fix your beds. They both spent on a bed of moss which I kept in a shady corner of my window,' Mr Punch explained.

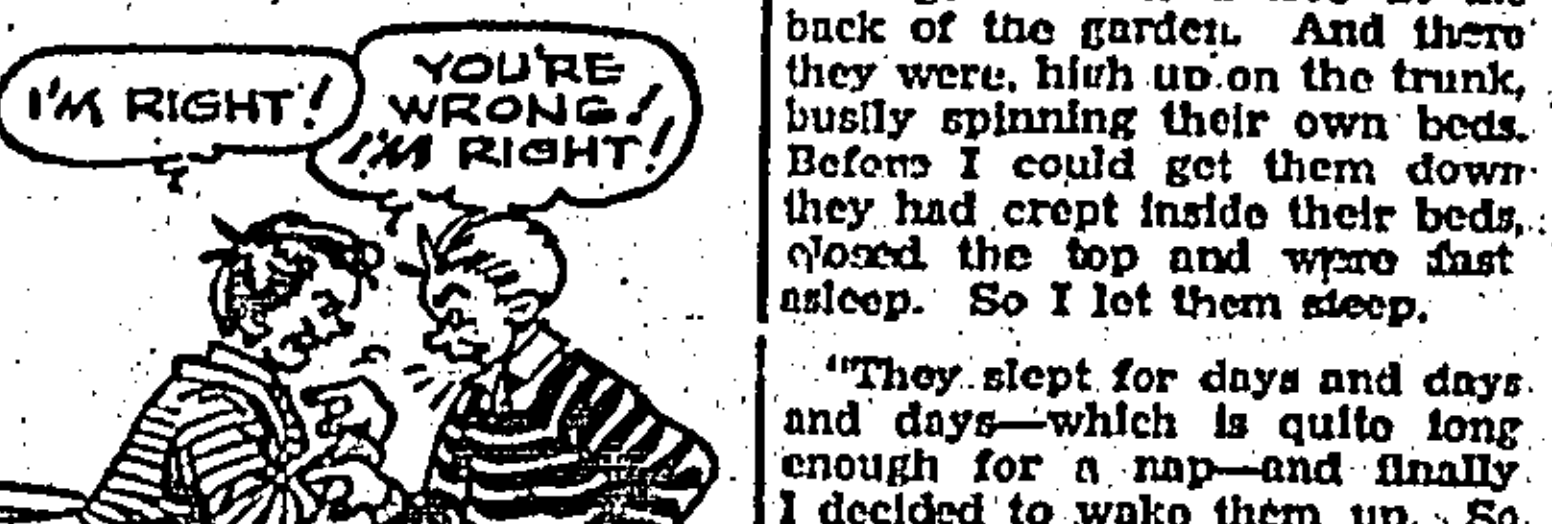
"But when I came back," Mr Punch went on, "I found that Archibald and Clarence had both gone off to a tree at the back of the garden. And there they were, high up on the trunk, busily spinning their own beds. Before I could get them down they had crept inside their beds, closed the top and were fast asleep. So I let them sleep.

"They slept for days and days and days—which is quite long enough for a nap—and finally I decided to wake them up. So I rapped on their beds, and by and by two little heads came out. But they weren't Archibald and Clarence!"

"No?" said Knarf and Hanid in astonishment. "Who were they?"

"Two butterflies. Look what happened to you, Archibald! I said, 'Look what happened to you, Clarence! You're not caterpillars any more! But they didn't seem to be at all surprised. 'They just tiptoed off. Now, did you ever hear of anything as foolish as that—to go to bed as caterpillars and wake up as butterflies!'

But Knarf and Hanid only smiled. "It happens all the time," Hanid said.

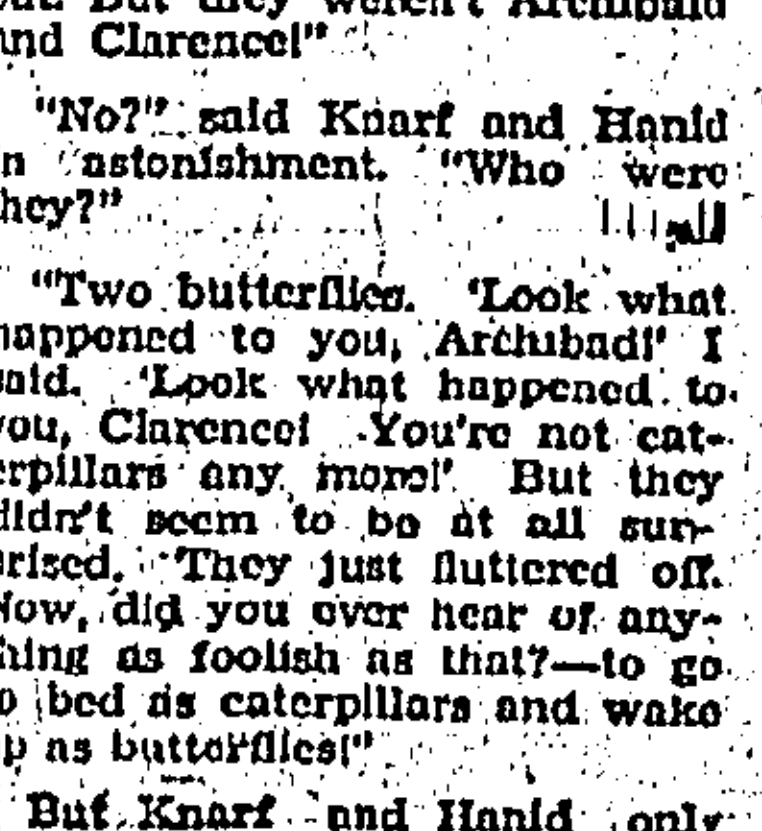
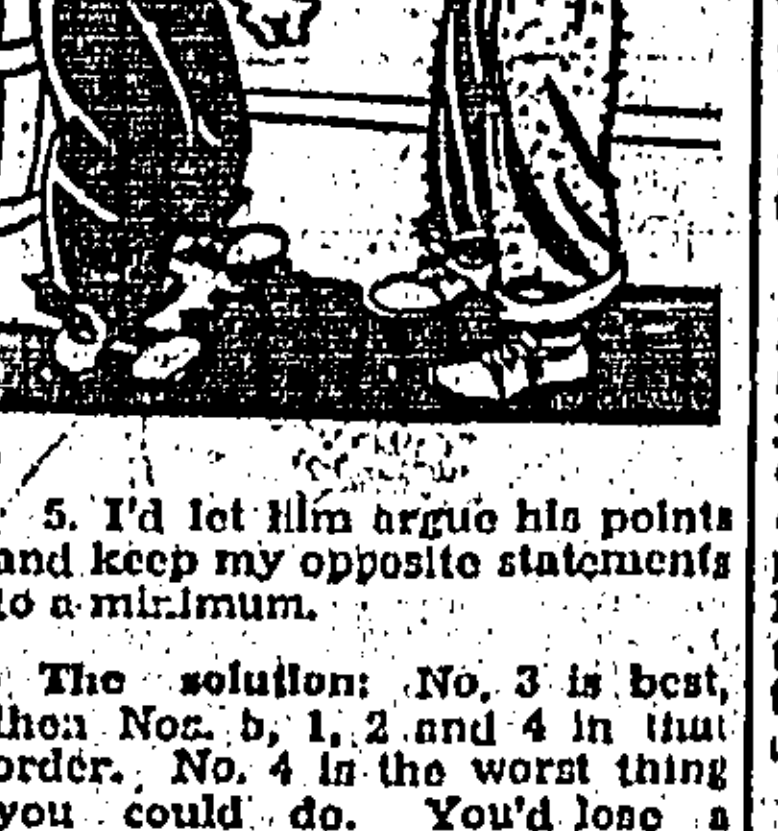
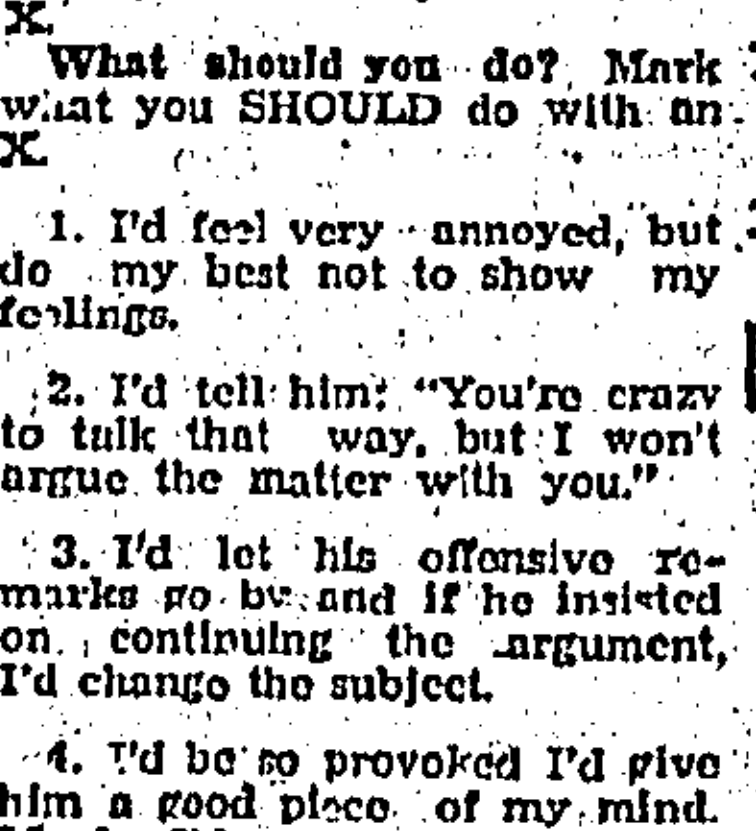
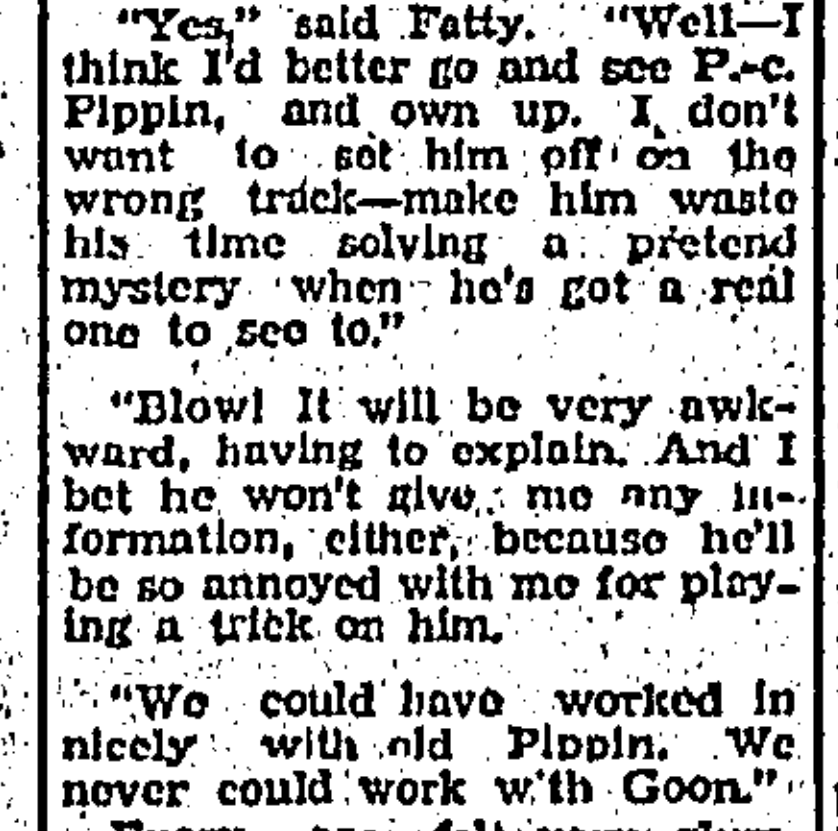


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Smoke Signal

By Harry F. O'Neill



Princess's Filly Runs Well In First Race

FINISHES SECOND AT ASCOT

Ascot, Oct. 7.—Princess Elizabeth's first racehorse, Astrakhan, presented to her as a wedding present by the Aga Khan, ran splendidly on her debut in the six-furlongs Sandwich Stakes here this afternoon to finish second.

Sport In Brief:

Ward Wins Masters' Tournament

One-Stroke Victory In Play-Off

St. Andrew's, Oct. 7.—Charles Ward, of Little Aston, Birmingham, Britain's most successful tournament golfer, today beat John Burton, of Hillside, Lancashire, by a single stroke in the 36 holes play-off of the Dunlop Masters' £1,250 tournament.

After being five strokes down at the end of the first round Ward won with a total of 143 (74 and 69) to Burton's 144 (69 and 75).

By his success, Ward won the first prize of £300 and brought his prize money to a total of £1,750.

Two strokes ahead at the 10th on the first round, Burton staged a great finish to pick up three more strokes. Ward attacked when the second round began, and retrieved two strokes at the 22nd and another two at the 25th.

Burton went two ahead at the 27th, but Ward levelled the match at the 13th and went one ahead at the last hole but one. They matched each other stroke for stroke on the last hole for Ward to gain the match.—Reuter.

SNOOKER:

London, Oct. 7.—Albert Brown, of Birmingham, led Alec Brown, of London, 10 frames to eight at the end of today's early session in their 37-frames heat of the "News of the World" £1,500 snooker tournament at the Leicester Square Hall here.

Albert Brown won five of the six frames in the session. Interval scores were: (Albert Brown first): 57 to 29, 77 to 28, 109 to 16, 70 to 52, 63 to 46, 29 to 71.

Alec Brown won five of the six frames in the evening session, and he finished the day leading Albert Brown by 13 frames to 11.

The evening scores were (Albert Brown first): 52 to 69, 60 to 57, 51 to 59, 41 to 50, 61 to 46, 43 to 65.—Reuter.

TENNIS:

London, Oct. 7.—The International Club of Britain led the International Club of France by four matches to one at the end of the first day's play in their annual lawn tennis match here today.

Jean Borotra, the "Old Warrior" of French tennis, who first won the Wimbledon title a quarter of a century ago, dominated today's play with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over the former British Davis Cup player, Don Butler.

Borotra, now 51 years old, gave an exhibition of youthful and fiery tennis, volleying with all his old venom. The match will be concluded tomorrow.—Reuter.

BOXING:

Buffalo, (New York) Oct. 7.—Leo Rodak, trainer of the Italian heavyweight champion, Enrico Bertola, who died on Tuesday after a fight with Lee Oza on Friday, has left for Chicago with Bertola's body.

Rodak said that he was waiting to hear from Italy before making burial arrangements.

District Attorney Gordon Steele, who will report to a grand jury next Tuesday, said that he had requested examination of Bertola's brain in an effort to determine if old injuries, possibly received in earlier fights, could have contributed to his death.—Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Oct. 7.—Carl Nielsen, a Danish heavyweight, broke two ribs in a fight here tonight against Kurt Schlegel, of Austria, and retired in the seventh round.

Nielsen was to have fought in London on October 25.—Reuter.

SOCCER:

Paris, Oct. 7.—The French soccer team left here by special plane this afternoon for Bologna, where they play Yugoslavia in the world cup competition on Sunday.—Reuter.

CYCLING:

London, Oct. 7.—Four cyclists have been named to represent England in the evening events in the Empire Games at Auckland in February, 1950.

They are Tommy Sudwin, Cyril Cartwright, Reg Goldard and A. Newman.—Reuter.

The Princess had intended to fly from Scotland specially to watch her chestnut filly run, but owing to fog she had to cancel her trip.

Astrakhan, by Turkan out of Hastra, started at the long odds of 100 to 8. Ridden by the Australian jockey, Tommy deparade finish to get a place, the judge enquiring for a photo-finish before placing Astrakhan second, a head in front of Capricious.

The race was easily won by six lengths Sir Percy Lorraine's The Golden Road, a Watling Street colt making his first appearance on a racecourse. Ridden by Gordon Richards, he started a warm 6 to 4 favourite.

Captain Charles Moore, who manages the horses belonging to the Royal Family, said afterwards: "I was astounded by the way Astrakhan ran, as I have known her since she was a foal and she has had no much bluster treatment on her legs that I doubted if she would ever be able to run."

"NICE RACE"

I am very sorry now that Princess Elizabeth was unable to see the filly run. Astrakhan is engaged at Newmarket, but it depends on how she runs today's race whether she runs or not.

Burn said: "She ran a nice race. I think she would have won next year's One Thousand Guineas but I am told that she has been struck out of it."

W. Smyth, the filly's trainer, was also very impressed by Astrakhan's performance, particularly as he had had her in training only for three months and she is naturally lacking in condition.—Reuter.

TODAY'S STARTERS

London, Oct. 7.—There are six probable runners for the King George VI Stakes, running over two miles, at Ascot at 2.15 p.m. GMT tomorrow. They are: (with weights and jockeys): Marvell II (w.-E.C. Elliott); Ridgewood (w.-Gordon Richards); Bolson (w.-D. Smith); Lone Eagle (w.-W.H. Carr); Menzies (w.-H. B. Burn); Constellation (w.-T.F. Turner).—Reuter.

Manchester City have been seeking a top class goal-keeper since Frank Swift retired at the end of that season.

Trautmann's spectacular goal-keeping for St. Helens, which played in the Lancashire combination, was brought to Manchester City's attention by local sports writers.

The young German is employed at the moment in a bomb disposal unit. He is expected soon to resume his normal job as a motor mechanic. He is likely to play his first game for Manchester City's reserve team against Barnet in the Central League match on October 13.—Associated Press.

Yankees Out In Front

4-3 Victory In Third Game

New York, Oct. 7.—The New York Yankees today defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 4-3 here in the third game of the world baseball series, to take a lead of two matches to one in the best-of-seven series.

The next two games will be played tomorrow (Saturday) and on Sunday, at Ebbets Field, and if further games are needed to decide the issue they will be played at the Yankee Stadium on Monday and Tuesday.

The betting odds on the Yankees to win the world series dropped to 5 to 5 before today's match owing to the fine pitching performance of "Preacher" Roe, who shut out the Yankees yesterday.—Reuter.

The Commonwealth cricket team to tour India arrived by air from London today.

The team, which is captained by Australian Jack Livingstone, starts its four months' trip with a three-day match against the combined Universities XI at the Brabourne Stadium here on Sunday.

This team of English and Commonwealth cricketers will fill in the gap caused by the Marylebone Cricket Club's cancellation of its 1949-50 tour of India.—Associated Press.

HOLIDAY SPORT

TODAY

Cricket—First Division League: University v. Southampton at Foulton; Crispin v. R.A.F. at Happy Valley.

Second Division League: Dockyard v. Royal Navy at King's Park; Rereale v. King George V School at King's Park; R.A.F. v. University at King's Park; Football—First Division League: CCC v. KMB at Boundary Street; Army v. Commando at Sookunpoo; South China v. Club at Caroline Hill (Kick-off at 5 p.m.).

Second Division League: South China v. Army at Caroline Hill; University v. News Vendors at Happy Valley; Dockyard v. Eastern at Causeway Bay; Prisoners v. Talkoo at St. Joseph's (Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.); Club v. St. Joseph's at Causeway Bay; R.N.V. Police v. PCA at Causeway Bay (Kick-off at 5 p.m.).

Races—Double Tenth Race Meeting at Happy Valley. First Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m.

Swimming—Championships of the Colony at the Victoria Recreation Club, 9.30 p.m.—Final of the Men's 220 Yards Free Style; Women's 75 Yards Individual Medley; Inter-School 200 Yards Relay; Men's Three-Metre Springboard Diving.

Cricket Matches Washed Out

Several cricket matches which should have been played today have been cancelled owing to the state of the ground. The matches are: Optimists v. Rereale at Chater Road; KCC v. IRC at C's Road (first division) and IRC v. KCC at Sookunpoo (second division).

Tomorrow's intra-club match at the HKCC has also been washed out. The Hancock Shield match between KCC and HKCC will be resumed on Monday if the condition of the ground is satisfactory.

Women's 50 Yards Back Stroke; Men's 100 Yards Breast Stroke; Women's 440 Yards Free Style; Men's 400 Yards Free Style Relay.

TOMORROW

Cricket—League Match—Commandos v. Army at King's Park; Friendly: Press v. Sindhi Merchants at Sookunpoo, 9.30 a.m.

Football—First Division League: St. Joseph's v. R.A.F. at Happy Valley; Kwong Wob v. Eastern at Caroline Hill; Police v. Kitcher at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 5 p.m.).

Second Division League: Kitcher v. CAA at Happy Valley; Solicitors v. R.A.F. at Caroline Hill; Police v. Navy at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.).

Hockey—Association Matches: YMCA v. Royal Navy at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; Commando v. Rereale "B" at Sookunpoo, 10.30 a.m.; University v. Army at Pokfulam, 11.30 a.m.; K.I.T. v. Police at King's Park, 10 a.m.; HKCC v. Dockyard RC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Rereale "A" v. Chand Tara at King's Park, 10 a.m.; R.A.F. v. Nomads at Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Dutch HC v. Police at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.

Lawn Bowls—KCC v. KDGC at Cox's Road, 3.30 p.m.

Softball—Official Opening of the League Season at the CBA Ground, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.

Tennis—Ladies' Recreation Club Tournament matches.

MONDAY

Cricket—Hancock Shield Match (HKCC v. KCC) at Chater Road, 11 a.m. (subject to condition of ground).

Football—Charity Match: Combined Chinese v. Rest of the Colony at Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.

Races—Double Tenth Race Meeting (Second Day). First Saddling Bell at 11.30 a.m.

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"What in the world do you women do while I'm at the office?"

Australia's Free Medicine Act Ruled Invalid

Melbourne, Oct. 7.—The Australian High Court today ruled invalid a Commonwealth law under which free medicine is dispensed, because of a section ordering doctors to use official forms for writing prescriptions.

The Australian Medical Association had challenged the law, known as the Pharmaceutical Benefits Act.

One section of the Act provided that doctors must write prescriptions for drugs listed in the Commonwealth pharmaceutical formulary on special Government forms.

This, the Court held, amounted to a form of "civil conscription" on doctors.

The Federal Health Minister, Senator Nicholas McKenna, announced that the Government would continue the free medical scheme on a voluntary basis.

He said that doctors willing to use the official form to prescribe free medicine could continue to do so. The Health Department would reimburse them.—Reuter.

Milverton On Nigeria

"Gradually Slipping Into Slavery"

Orrington, Oct. 7.—Lord Milverton, former Governor of Nigeria, said here tonight that, on his return to Britain two years ago, he found the country "gradually slipping into slavery."

Lord Milverton, formerly Sir Arthur Richards, resigned from the Labour Party in June and joined the Liberal Party.

"I returned after a life's work abroad trying to teach freedom and gradual diminution of controls in colonial administration," he said. "I joined the Labour Party, but I found that every control was planned to further controls."

He joined the Party because he believed it to be "trying its best to carry out a programme of social improvements. I had not realised that in carrying out such things as nationalisation not only had the Labour Party sunk from its very high ideals and principles, but had come to a position in which many of the leaders openly preached class hatred," he added.—Reuter.

NIZAM'S WRIT

Application To High Court

London, Oct. 7.—The Nizam of Hyderabad writ against his former Finance Minister and Foreign Minister, Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, for the repayment of £431,000 is to be the subject of an application when the High Court resumes sitting around the middle of October.

The London solicitors acting for the Nizam told Reuter tonight that they had received no reply from Nawab Moin Jung, who is in New York, to a letter suggesting that he should name London solicitors to act for him.

"It would have simplified matters if we could have served the writ on solicitors in London," said the Nizam's advisers. "As we have heard nothing from Nawab Moin Jung, the writ will have to be served through diplomatic channels."

"We shall make an application to the High Court immediately it resumes sitting after the holidays. The application will not be made in open court but to a Judge in Chambers."—Reuter.

UK Prison Officers In Favour Of Hanging

London, Oct. 7.—Most British prison officers favour the retention of capital punishment, and feel that hanging is as humane a way of execution "as the circumstances permit."

But because of the heavy strain both on the prisoner and on his "death watch" guards, the officers feel that the period between the sentence and execution should be kept at a minimum.

The Prison Officers' Association outlined these views in a memorandum presented today to the Royal Commission which is inquiring into all phases of capital punishment.

At yesterday's hearing a memorandum drawn up by a panel of prison governors had favoured retention of the present system of execution, and said no "permanent or serious" effect on the average prison official had been observed.

FOR WOMEN TOO

The officers' memorandum said that there was considerable support among prison staffs for the view that there should be "degrees" of murder, to be determined by the judge.

London's police chief, Sir Harold Scott, said today that he saw no reason for treating women murderers differently from men.

He was testifying before the Commission.

The London police, he said, were in general against the abolition of the death sentence "since they are convinced that it is protection to them against the desperate criminal."—Reuter.

Reds Demonstrate In Damascus

Damascus, Oct. 7.—Communists demonstrated in Damascus today carrying banners with the slogan "Down with Anglo-American imperialism."

The police dispersed them without difficulty.—Reuter.

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Sun's Halo Might Have Been Result Of A-Bomb

London, Oct. 7.—Weather experts near London observed certain signs on July 20 which might have indicated an atomic bomb explosion in Russia that day, the Daily Mail reported today.

The newspaper said that between 10.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. weathermen at the meteorological office in Harrow "saw a halo around the sun—a common occurrence due to refraction of light through ice crystals in the upper atmosphere."

"They also saw two beautifully-coloured mock suns outside the halo, and two who were marked as on what is called a parhelion circle, a bigger ring than the halo, centred on the zenith and parallel to the horizon."

"But more interesting were rippling movements which passed over the parhelion circle—indicating alternate compression and rarefaction of the air owing to sound waves."

"In the absence of information of any other explosion, it is possible that the ripples were caused by an atom bomb."—United Press.

Germans Want To Keep Anthem

Bonn, Oct. 7.—The "National Right" group in the West German Parliament has introduced a motion asking for recognition of "Deutschland" as the national anthem of the Federal Republic. It was learned here today.

The group's motion said that the text of the hymn which begins "Germany, Germany above all" is not presumptuous and does not intend to degrade any other people or country.—Reuter.

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